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Zia rules out Soviets quitting Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq who arrived here Monday said the Soviet Union is unlikely to remove its troops from Afghanistan in the near future. Speaking to U.S. News and World Report he also said his relations with the Reagan administration were very good.

Pakistani officials said during his three-day Washington visit Gen. Zia would seek assurances of the Reagan administration's commitment to a five-year, \$3.2 billion aid program to help Pakistan meet any Soviet threat from neighboring Afghanistan.

In addition to the aid program, the administration has promised to sell Pakistan 40 F-16 fighters. Delivery of the first six, scheduled for this week, was delayed by what U.S. officials called a misunderstanding over whether the planes would include advanced electronic equipment.

Gen. Zia told U.S. News and World Report **Iran claims war gains**

LONDON, Dec. 6 (R) — Iranian forces have killed 27 Iraqis in recent Gulf war fighting, the Iranian national news agency IRNA reported early Monday.

IRNA quoted a military communiqué as saying that over the previous 24 hours Iranian forces had destroyed several tanks and artillery positions, a mortar bomb launcher and six vehicles.

The communiqué said Iraqi long-range artillery had shelled the Iranian border city of Abadan, starting fires and demolishing several houses. IRNA said Iraqi raids on Abadan were repulsed by anti-aircraft fire.

Meanwhile, the ruler of Qatar Monday urged Iran to respond to Arab and Islamic peace efforts to halt the Iraq-Iran war.

U.K. told to change M.E. stance

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Lord Carrington returned from Saudi Arabia with a personal warning to Mrs. Thatcher from the Arab leaders, the Daily Mail claimed Monday.

It said their message was: Change your Middle East policy or face a boycott which could cost British businessmen well over £1,000 million in orders.

This could hit Britain's economy at a delicate moment when trade expansion is vital.

In Saudi Arabia last week, the former foreign secretary was received by Crown Prince Abdullah and other ministers during his sales promotion visit as the new chairman of the GEC. He was recalled for political talks because he is believed to command unusual respect in 10 Downing Street and could influence the prime minister in a way no cabinet minister can.

He will tell her of the deep anger aroused in the Arab world by her refusal to meet a Middle East peace mission which had been due in London last week led by King Hassan of Morocco because it included a PLO representative.

Abdullah, Arafat confer

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah discussed a number of Arab issues with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Arafat, who arrived here from Aden where he attended a Palestinian conference, said that he welcomed King Hussein's proposal for a confederal union between Jordan and an independent Palestine.

"We found King Hussein responsive to our suggestions," he said. He is keeping other Arab leaders abreast of the results of his talks with King Hussein.

On peace proposals Arabs win full China backing

PEKING, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Premier Zhao Ziyang said Monday that China fully supported a pan-Arab peace plan for the Middle East and urged other U.N. Security Council members to add their backing to it.

Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang, said that his country would support the Arabs until they won a final victory in the Middle East.

Zhao told a visiting Arab League delegation led by King Hussein of Jordan that the eight-point plan "provided a good basis for solving the question in a reasonable, practical, overall and just way."

The New China News Agency (NCNA) quoted him as saying: "We appreciate it and support it."

The seven-member mission including Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal arrived in Peking Sunday in brief the Chinese leadership on the plan drawn up at the Arab summit in Fez, Morocco in September. This is the first visit to China by a Saudi Arabian minister. China and Saudi Arabia have no diplomatic relations although both are said to want to improve economic and other ties.

Prince Saud was welcomed Sunday night by Foreign Minister Wu.

He was due to depart Monday night in his jetliner. The Chinese foreign ministry had no immediate comment when asked if there would be bilateral discussions.

Premier Zhao said Monday the Arab proposals coincided with China's own position. "We hold that all peace-loving and justice-upholding countries should support the Arab peace plan and so should the U.N. Security Council," he said.

The Chinese premier said the most pressing issue in the Middle East today was "to check Israeli aggression and force Israel to pull out all its aggressor troops unconditionally from Lebanon."

Renewing China's attacks on U.S. policy in the region, he added: "The Chinese government holds that Israel's ferocity in committing aggression is directly connected with the United States' connivance and support." "The U.S. should correct its policy of shielding Israel and ignoring the Palestinian people's national rights."



SINO-ARAB PARLEY: Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang held talks Monday with the 7-member Arab League team in Peking. Photo shows Zhao shaking hands with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal who is making his first ever visit to China. In the center is the leader of the Arab delegation King Hussein of Jordan.

King Hussein, in talks described by the official Chinese agency as sincere, friendly and harmonious, thanked China for its consistent support for the Arab and Palestinian people in their struggle.

The Palestinian issue was a key to the Middle East question, he said. Without an overall and just solution to that there could be no peace and security in the region.

The king said the peace plan was based on U.N. resolutions, and he urged the permanent members of the Security Council to work for an overall and just solution.

The present mission flew here after talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow. It includes the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia, a PLO representative, and the secretary-general of the Arab League, Chedli Klibi.

The delegates met Hu Yaobang later Monday. They then attended a banquet in Peking's Great Hall of the People.

Hu told King Hussein that the struggle of the Arab and Palestinian peoples was a just one, the Chinese agency said. He hoped the Arabs would strengthen their unity, win as many countries as possible to their side. The agency quoted him as saying: "China will support the struggle of the Arab people until the final victory."

King Hussein replied that his talks with Zhao earlier had been quite helpful and that the standpoints of both sides were identical, it added.

The mission's visit ends Monday night but King Hussein will stay until Thursday for an official visit to China, his first since the two countries established diplomatic ties five years ago.

King Hussein told Zhao and Hu the Palestinian issue is a key to the Middle East question. Without an overall and just solution, he said, there can be no peace and security in the Middle East.

He condemned Israel for denying national rights to the Palestinian people and killing Palestinians and Lebanese citizens in Beirut.

King Hussein urged China and other members of the United Nations Security Council to work for a comprehensive and fair solution to the Middle East question. "We appreciate and support the Arab peace plan," Zhao said.

The Chinese premier emphasized the importance of Arab unity and said China and the Arab countries always have supported each other.

China wants to promote friendly relations with all Arab countries, he said. Hussein thanked Zhao for China's support and said he hoped for expanded relations between the Arab states and China.

U.S., Somalia stage exercises

NAIROBI, Dec. 6 (R) — Admiral Robert Long, U.S. commander-in-chief of the Pacific and Indian oceans, watched joint Somali-U.S. air exercises Monday, Radio Mogadishu reported.

The radio, monitored in Nairobi, said Admiral Long, who arrived in Somalia from Kenya Sunday, also had talks with Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre.

On Sunday a unit from the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) took part in a training exercise in Mogadishu with Somali troops, Somali officials said.

A brief statement from the U.S. Embassy said the exercise was due to focus on air defense tactics. It did not say how many men are involved. Last week U.S. naval, air and ground units carried out exercises at Somalia's Red Sea port of Berbera, which the U.S. can use under an agreement with Mogadishu as a staging post for the RDF.

Meanwhile, an Iranian official has condemned U.S. military exercises that began in Oman this weekend, Tehran radio reported Sunday.

The radio quoted an Iranian foreign ministry spokesman as saying the U.S. maneuvers in Oman "reveal America's evil intention to embark on direct military intervention in the region."

Japan tops rest in intelligence test

LONDON, Dec. 6 (R) — The Japanese are the brainiest people in the world, according to a professor who has studied intelligence tests conducted in Japan.

Prof. Richard Lynn, of the psychology department at the New University of Ulster, says average intelligence in Japan is higher than in Western Europe and the U.S.

One Japanese in every 100 was said to have an intelligence quotient (IQ) of 145 — approaching genius level — while in the West it was only one person in a 1,000.

Professor Lynn said in the Daily Mail newspaper: "They are getting cleverer and pulling further ahead. We will fall further and further behind unless someone can suggest an answer."

Egypt to view torture charges

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (AP) — The judge in the trial of 300 alleged Muslim extremists accused of attempting to establish an Iranian-style Islamic regime in Egypt agreed Monday to consider charges that the detainees have been tortured during captivity.

Abdul-Ghaffar Muhammad Ahmad, head of the three-man panel of the state security court, asked the lawyers of the defendants to submit in writing the charges their clients have shouted from their 12 cages in the exhibition hall-turned courtroom in suburban Nasr city.

Monday's was the second session in the mass trial, the largest in Egyptian history, of the 300 men accused of attempting to overthrow the republican government through an underground group called "Al-Jihad".

Al-Jihad also has been blamed for assassinating President Anwar Sadat. State Security Chief Prosecutor Ragaa El-Araby's indictment last May also accused some of the defendants of murder, attempted murder, armed robbery and possession of arms in connection with an attack on a police station in the southern city of Assiut in October 1981 and violent attacks against Egypt's minority Christians. All but three defendants face the death penalty. Twenty are being tried in absentia.

Defense Attorney Abdulla Selim complained the defendants were tortured after last Saturday's opening session because they had shouted accusations of brutality against their failers.

America denies M.E. talks stalled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (R) — The White House said Monday the fact that U.S. Middle East envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper have been recalled for consultations did not mean negotiations on getting foreign troops out of Lebanon were stalled.

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Habib, the top envoy on Middle East peace efforts, and Draper, in charge of Lebanon withdrawal negotiations, would consult on the results of their latest talks with officials in the region.

Asked about press reports of growing administration concern over lack of progress in the Lebanon talks, he said: "We don't see it in the same light."

Speakes said he did not know if the two envoys would see President Reagan.

Partial eclipse Dec. 15

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — A partial eclipse of the sun will take place Wednesday, Dec. 15 Al-Madina reported Monday. It will be visible in the Kingdom. The eclipse will begin at 11:15 a.m. reach maximum at 12:50 p.m. and end at 1:50 p.m. The moon will cover 3.416 percent of the sun disk.

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Oil output drops 30% in first half of 1982

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — The level of Saudi Arabia's oil production during the first half of this year has reached a figure of seven million barrels per day (BPD), it was announced here Monday.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's (SAMA) statistical bulletin for 1982, said the Kingdom's oil production had dropped 30 percent from the same period last year.

The bulletin added that the drop was the outcome of the Kingdom's decision to reduce its oil production during March and April in 1982.

The bulletin said the Kingdom's annual oil production during 1981 amounted to 3.586 billion barrels while its annual production for 1980 totaled 3.633 billion barrels, showing a decline of 1.04 percent.

It noted that the decline was the outcome of the Kingdom's decision to lower its oil production during the months of September and October 1981 from 10 million BPD to

nine million BPD and later in November the same year from nine million BPD to 8.5 million BPD in order to preserve the oil prices in the international market.

The bulletin said the Kingdom's crude and refined oil exports had dropped from 3.554 billion barrels in 1980 to 3.486 billion barrels in 1981, showing a decline of 1.9 percent.

The value of oil exports in 1980 amounted to \$ 101.4 billion while the value of its oil exports in 1981 totaled \$ 109 billion due to a increase in oil prices.

The bulletin noted the obvious drop in the oil exports during the first half of this year when it amounted to 1.265 billion BPD while they were 1.794 billion BPD during the first half of 1981, showing a decline of 1.5 percent.

It said the Kingdom's revenues from oil exports increased from \$ 84.5 billion in 1980 to \$ 101.8 billion in 1981, showing an increase of 20 percent.

Baldrige explores boosting trade during five-day visit

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and his accompanying delegation left here Monday for Algeria after a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

During his stay here, Baldrige held talks with Saudi Arabian leaders and businessmen on means of boosting bilateral trade cooperation between the Kingdom and the United States.

Prior to his departure, Baldrige expressed pleasure at his visit and his meeting with Crown Prince Abdullah and other Saudi Arabian leaders.

He lauded Saudi Arabian leaders for their desire to boost economic relations between the two countries and admired the industrial development of Jubail and Qassim region.

Baldrige said his talks here reaffirmed that political and economic objectives of the two friendly countries meet, as well as officials' desire to boost and expand relations. He said he will convey the good impressions he had to U.S. officials.

The visit also was an opportunity to hold a series of meetings between private sector businessmen of the two countries, he added.

Expressing admiration for the economic achievements he witnessed, especially in Jubail and Qassim, the U.S. Commerce Secretary welcomed Saudi Arabian investments in the United States.

The mission, which included official of companies ranging from aircraft to communications equipment makers. Saudi Arabia, the United States' sixth biggest export market, imported \$5.9 billion worth of U.S. goods in the first eight months this year. Saudi Arabian exports to the United States, nearly all crude oil, were worth \$5.8 billion in the same period. Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman met Baldrige on Saturday and discussed ways to facilitate the export of Saudi petrochemicals to the United States.

Dr. Solaiman also reaffirmed the positive results of the U.S. Commerce Secretary's visit.

Major Jeddah fire destroys Balad warehouses, boutiques

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — A major fire raged for three hours at Souq Al-Nada in Balad (downtown Jeddah) Sunday causing heavy material damage but no severe casualties.

According to *Al-Madina*, helicopters were used to stop the fire which gutted a number of

warehouses and boutique. A huge, black column of smoke could be seen from a 20 kilometer distance.

Civil Defense teams in Jeddah, the Western Province's emergency squads, the traffic department, patrol squads and ambulances



Gulf council will discuss unifying laws

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Justice Ministers will meet next Sunday and Monday to discuss, among other issues, unifying sources of legislation and principles of jurisdiction in member countries.

Justice Minister Ibrahim Al-Sheikh said Monday that discussions will be on standardizing legislation derived from the Islamic Sharia. Jurisdiction principles will be unified in a judiciary system which is solely based in its judgements on the Islamic Sharia.

Al-Sheikh added that other topics to be debated include unification of criminal laws, personal statutes and procedures before courts. The justice ministers also will discuss a treaty of judiciary proofs and implementation of court and judges' sentences, a treaty of exchange of criminals and other topics.

Al-Sheikh hoped that the conference will achieve the expected success in the context of cooperation among the GCC states and produce resolutions which serve all member states.

Iraq Vice-President stresses Arab states' defense treaty

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — A joint defense treaty among Arab countries called for by Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohieddin Maarouf here Sunday night. In a press conference, Maarouf spoke of the Iraqi-Iranian war and commended King Fahd's efforts to achieve Islamic solidarity, Arab unity and eliminate differences.

"King Fahd played leading role, especially at this stage that the Arab and Islamic states are passing through," the Iraqi-vice-president said commending the king's role in the Arab scene, and in defense of the Palestinians in particular. King Fahd is playing an important role to restore stability and security to the region, he stressed.

About the Iraq-Iran war, Maarouf said his country welcomes any mediation or good offices initiative to end the conflict.

"Since the beginning of the Iranian aggression, Iraq had always responded favorably to mediation efforts, whether international, or Arab, including the Islamic Peace Mission formed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference and headed by Guinean President Ahmad Sekko Toure," he said. "Iraq had responded to the committee's efforts at a time Iran rejected them."

Maarouf pointed out to the Non-aligned Movement and United Nations mediations welcomed by Iraq.

The Iraqi vice-president is in the Kingdom currently to chair a meeting of the Islamic Solidarity Fund with the drought-stricken

countries of the African Sahel which concluded in Jeddah Sunday.

"A decision to conclude a joint defense treaty between Arab countries is a sound and vital decision at this time when a member of the Arab League (Iraq) is facing open aggression," Maarouf said. He expressed hope that all Arab countries would implement this decision and fulfill their national commitments toward Iraq, "particularly at this stage."

Iran has expansionist ambitions, the Iraqi vice president stated. "It wants to spread anarchy in the whole Arab region, starting with Iraq," he said. Since the Islamic Peace Mission's efforts reached a partial dead end, Iraq was left with no other choice but to go to war and fight aggression," Maarouf said.

He stressed Iraq's determination to block the aggression on which Iran is persisting despite its total failure. The Iraqi air force had proven a high efficiency and skills in war operations, he said.

The Iraqi-vice-president reiterated his country's policy toward its neighbors is built on mutual respect for each state's sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs.

"Iraq is prepared to cooperate and establish relations with Iran if a reasonable rule, marked with modern spirit, based on Islamic principles and good neighborhood takes power," Maarouf said.

The party benefiting most from the Iraq-Iran war is Israel, he said.

Taif dam contracts signed

RIYADH, Dec. 6(SPA) — Contracts worth SR42.3 million, were signed Monday to build two subterranean water dams in the Taif area. The type of dam is being constructed for the first time in the Kingdom and is expected to effectively increase subterranean water resources.

The two contracts, awarded to a specialist national company were signed by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. Once completed after 15 months, the two dams are expected to help produce some 6.4 million cubic meters of water. This

is in addition to the 3.6 million cubic meters of water now being produced by wells in the area.

The move to construct these types of dam will be a pioneering experiment by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water to provide maximum quantity of drinking and agricultural water.

One of the dams will be built on the Ardh valley with a total length of 430 meters, while the second will be located on the Turba valley with a length of 610 meters.

SR127.3 million pipeline contracts awarded in Makkah, Sudair

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Two pipeline projects totaling SR127.3 million have been awarded. The first project is a SR48 million contract signed here recently for construction of a 12-kilometer water pipeline. The contract, signed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, also chairman of the Western Region Water and Sewage Authority, provides for linking the old purification station to the site of a proposed new plant.

A foreign specialist company won the contract which calls for completing work within 24 months, according to Fahd Al-Sulaiman, the authority's director general, Sunday. The project also comprises building pumping units and generators necessary for pumping water from Makkah to Wadi Arafat. The new purification plant, which will be tendered

within a month, will serve about one million people, Sulaiman said.

The other contract is a SR79.3 one for installing pipelines for the Sudair Water Project which was approved Sunday by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. A total of 430-km pipes with diameters ranging between 150 and 800 mm, will be laid down within 21 months.

The Minister had approved SR120.9 million contracts for drilling wells, supplying pipes and buildings for administration and operation personnel. The Sudair Water Project comes in the context of the Agriculture and Water Ministry Plan to ensure drinking water for all towns and villages in the Kingdom.

Water pumping gives Makkah adequate supplies

MAKKAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Makkah residents are getting enough water now after completing the experiment of pumping water to these areas. Engineer Salim Al-Amoudi, Makkah director of water stated that pumping is continuing throughout the day. Seven storage areas have been installed so far, a pipeline to operate Quorash Dam has been

lined and nine pumping stations completed in various places.

Amoudi explained that work will start soon to connect the water of Wadi Rahgan to Makkah and that new tenders concerning Azzayah and Haj projects will be announced soon.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: The birthday of the King of Thailand was celebrated at the Thailand Ambassador's residence in Jeddah on Sunday. Ambassador Suwat Sessivong Na Ayuthaya, right, is seen here receiving guests at a reception on the occasion.

Ahsa planting week planned

AHSA, Dec. 6 (SPA) — This year's sixth "tree planting" week in Ahsa will begin Dec. 25, an executive committee for afforestation has decided. The Ain Al-Najm park in Hofuf will be the site of the opening ceremony to be held under Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jilawi, Ahsa governor.

The executive committee made the decision during a meeting here Sunday. Tuesday was set as a date for distribution of fertilizers to areas which will be planted under the afforestation week campaign. The committee is made up of officials of the Ahsa Municipality, Agriculture and Water Ministry branch, girls and boys' education directorates and the Presidency of Youth Welfare. Students from 77 boys' schools and 29 girls' schools will take part in the afforestation campaign. Also, all government departments in the area will also participate.

The municipality will distribute saplings to citizens next week to contribute to the success of the tree-planting week and encourage participation by the public.

Makkah afforestation week campaign begins

MAKKAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Makkah Municipality is preparing for its afforestation week by distributing saplings to government departments and schools which will take part in the campaign. Municipality branches have been instructed by the city's mayor to establish one garden each and allocate special areas for flowers.

Acting Mayor Abdullah bin Siddiq will meet this week with all parties concerned to draw up an executive plan for the afforestation week, determine areas to be planted and identify the responsibilities of each department. The municipality is currently preparing a booklet on the achievements of last year's afforestation week.

Jobert studying Kingdom's needs

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert said his current visit to Saudi Arabia was to acquaint himself with the Kingdom's trade policy and its needs.

In a press statement issued Sunday night, Jobert said no change would be made in

bilateral trade agreements.

Commenting on U.S.-West European trade relations, he noted that it was wrong to describe these relations as "trade war."

"There are certain problems between the two sides but negotiations and talks can easily overcome these problems," he added.

132 graduate Wednesday from technical school

DHAHRAN, Dec. 6 (SPA) — The Technical Studies Institute of Dhahran celebrates Wednesday the graduation of two classes under the auspices of Vice Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Abdul Rahman. The 132 graduates of the 32nd and 33rd classes recently attended technical specialization courses of 26 months in general aircraft and electronic maintenance and catering.

The institute director, Col. Mamdouh Badawi Moussa, said Monday that the institute is one of pillars in the construction of the

Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force. It trains and graduates young technicians who play an effective role in supporting pilots, administering, maintaining and operating aircraft at the Kingdom's airbases.

The institute offers 44 technical specializations. It enrolls intermediate school certificate holders. Upon graduation, the students graduate at a rank of technical assistant sergeant with monthly salaries of about SR5,500. Furnished accommodation and annual increments also are provided.

joined efforts to contain the blaze.

More than 25 families had to be evacuated from nearby apartment blocks. An investigation was immediately opened, but no conclusions have yet been reached regarding the causes of the fire and the exact extent of damage.

Fire brigades and other teams found it extremely difficult to arrive at the scene, as the fire took place in the commercial nerve center of the city. To get there, vehicles had no other alternative but to "use narrow" and zigzagging lanes amid old buildings and heavily crowded areas. Later on, three Civil Defense men fainted from the smoke they inhaled and were immediately taken to the hospital. The flames were about to reach Al-Hanafi Mosque — a famous landmark in the area — but were halted in time as the roof of a nearby building fell. Luckily, the Civil Defense men had just left positions on that roof.

Al-Hanafi Mosque is at the court of Al-Banaja family house. King Abdul Aziz, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, used to pray there every time he visited Jeddah. The mosque's minaret was once the highest in the city. The signals for Muslims to start eating after a day of fasting in the month of Ramadan usually came from it.

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Importers warned about possible food rejection

By Omar Basadhi

RIYADH, Dec. 6 — In the interests of the consumer, anyone who wants to import any kind of foodstuff into the Kingdom is advised to first check with his Chamber of Commerce or the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) to ascertain the established standard for that particular product, so as to avoid possible rejection.



Ahmad Omar Saklou

This request was made by the Director of the Central Quality Control Laboratories in Riyadh, Ahmad Omar Saklou, who told *Arab News* that many products are being rejected because they don't match the standards set for them by SASO and would not be acceptable to the consumer.

There are five such laboratories in the Kingdom: one in Dammam, one in Jeddah, one in Jazan, one in Haail Ammar (on the border with Jordan) and the largest one in Riyadh. Their main function is to analyze products sent to them by the Customs Department or the Consumer Protection Department of the Ministry of Commerce for analysis and report on its suitability so that a decision on its importation can be made or its sale in the Kingdom allowed.

The main criteria which the laboratories

use in deciding the suitability of a product are: its fitness for human consumption (if it's an edible one) and whether or not it meets SASO standards, which are themselves derived from international standards.

Saklou explained that there are certain foodstuffs which deteriorate faster than others and said: "Fish, meat and other dairy products are among them, and they have a shelf-life ranging from a few months to just a few days only for some of them."

The Central Laboratories are out to ensure that both the production and expiry dates are printed, preferably in Arabic — over and above any other language — on the containers of all foodstuffs, so that the consumer is adequately protected, Saklou said.

There are certain products whose shelf-life is known and predetermined by the Central Laboratories, said Saklou, and gave the example of potable water, which, he said, has a shelf-life of one year only, if contained in plastic bottles, or two years if the bottle is made of glass. He explained that this is because after that time the water reacts with "the wall of the bottle" and contamination of the water results from this chemical reaction.

"The expiry dates of some edibles have to be strictly adhered to, for the well-being of the consumer," Saklou said — and such things as palm oil change their chemical structures and go rancid within twelve months, at the most, if used after that, it can cause any one of several diseases," he added.

Saklou appealed to importers of foodstuffs to also see to it that their suppliers show on the label the ingredients (in descending order) comprising the product; they are important. He explained that this was very helpful, particularly in instances where a consumer has been prohibited, on medical grounds, from absorbing in his blood system certain elements that might be contained in certain food preparations.

"If the printing is done in Arabic as well, so much the better," he added.

In asking merchants to take "great care" in the storage of foodstuffs needing cold-storage, Saklou pointed out that there was a difference between cooling and freezing. "What requires cooling should not be frozen, and vice-versa," Saklou concluded.

Public advised, 'avoid wheat seeds'

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — The public has been warned against using wheat seeds which have been imported especially for agricultural purposes for human or animal consumption "under any circumstances."

In an appeal to the public, the Commerce Ministry said Monday that the seeds meant for farming, are treated with poisonous chemicals for protection against agricultural pests. The poison is found in the seeds at a high and very harmful quantity if consumed by man or animal, the ministry said.

"These seeds are differentiated from others because they are colored," the statement went on. "Extreme precautions are necessary in handling, transporting or storing these seeds." Proper handling will prevent

contamination of other food items or feeders, the ministry said. Hands should be washed well after using the seeds in farming and bags in which the seeds were filled should not be used for any purpose, rather they should be burned at the farm to prevent contamination, the statement added.

The ministry affirmed that the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization will reject any quantity of domestic wheat if any quantity of the farming seeds were found in it or bags of farming seeds have been used in packing. The farming seeds were subjected to analysis by the Central Quality Control Laboratory in Riyadh which proved that they were treated with poisonous chemicals.



FOOD CHECK: A lab technician checks for bacteria in a food sample at the Riyadh Central Quality Control Laboratory.

Inspectors refuse 9.1% of food

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 6 — An interim report for the last six months shows a total number of 7,696 samples of food having been received by the Riyadh Central Quality Control Laboratories for verification. Of these, 6,987 were accepted and 709 were rejected — in other words 9.21 percent were rejected for various reasons.

The number of perfume and cologne samples received during the same period was 772 and 78 were rejected. Of the rejected ones 35 (4.55 percent) were rejected because of

unacceptable chemical composition, and the rest either because of faulty labeling or some other reason related to the standard set by the Saudi Arabian Standard Organization.

The Weights and Measures department of the laboratories carried out several inspections on petrol stations, gold shops and other stores to inspect their weighing or measuring equipments. Of the 59 pumps tested, 49 were approved and the rest — comprising 16.95 percent — were rejected. Of the 46 gold-weighing scales inspected only one was rejected.

Labs enforce standards protecting consumers

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 6 — Through the Central Quality Control Laboratories in Riyadh and other similar laboratories strategically situated in other point-of-entry areas of the Kingdom, the government ensures that certain acceptable and set standards are enforced, thereby protecting the consumer.

"Gold and other precious metals are some of the goods which come under our scrutiny," said Ahmad Omar Saklou, director of the Riyadh Central Quality Control Laboratories. Inspectors are sent out regularly to check the shops that sell gold (in whatever form) and if a shop is discovered selling unstamped gold or gold that is of incorrect karatage, the Ministry of Commerce is immediately informed and the Ministry then decides on the steps to be taken against the culprit, he explained.

In these efforts to protect the consumer, the Ministry of Commerce — under whose aegis the laboratories come — has promised to provide all the necessary equipment as well as the trained manpower, Saklou said.

"We are now in a position to check anybody's gold that has been bought from the market place, and we do this free of charge, in order to ensure consumer protection," he

explained.

The department is intensifying its efforts in the field of weights and measures, and this includes fuel-pump meters at gas stations, to ensure that they are functioning correctly.

An important product that comes under the eye of the laboratories is perfume and related products, such as colognes, which are imported into the Kingdom in quite large quantities. They are checked for essential oil and methanol content, and if the former is found to be less than a certain percentage it is rejected, Saklou confirmed.

Analyses of steel products used in the building and construction industry are also made at the laboratories, and the equipment that is used for this purpose is of a very advanced and sophisticated nature, said the director.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:17	3:13	2:44	2:28	2:53	3:18
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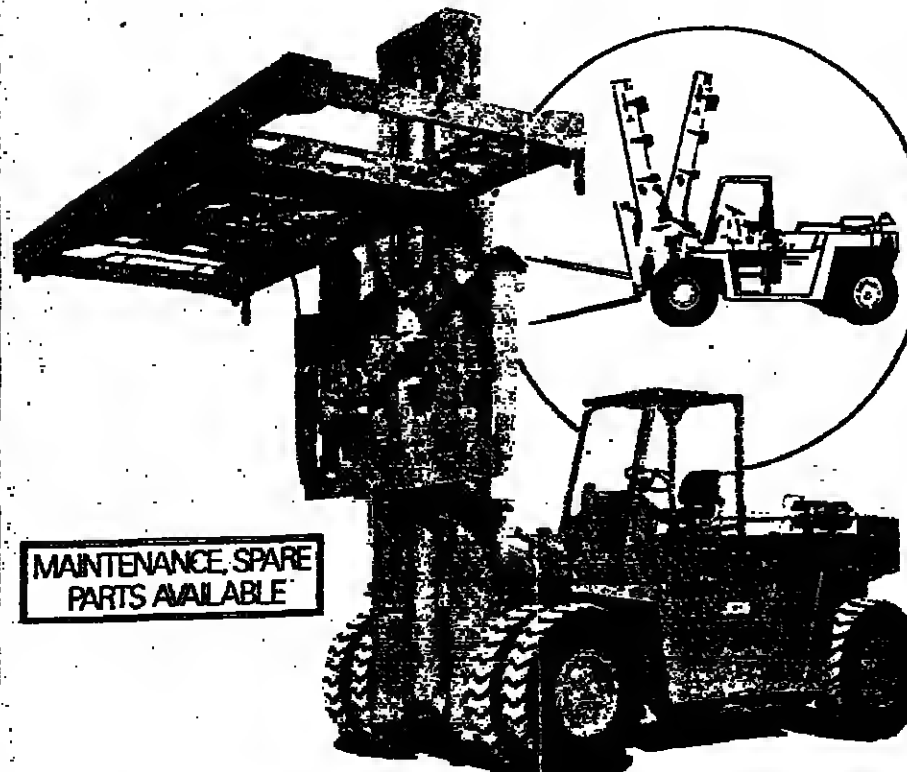
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Aden conference ends

PLO raps American policy

ADEN, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders ended a two-day conference here Sunday, attacking Washington's Middle East policies which they said were against Palestinians.

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat told reporters at Aden airport the conference results would be "felt tangibly in the Palestinian arena." A conference statement said: "The organization wishes to announce once again that all American and Zionist projects and initiatives, including the Camp David accords and (Palestinian) self-rule...are but attempts at breaking up the Palestinian people's unity and imposing American-Zionist schemes on the region and the Arab nation."

The U.S., it said, was giving Israel unlimited political, military, diplomatic and economic support for the "liquidation of the Palestinian people." Other commando leaders at the conference were George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Nayef Hawatmeh of the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Pal-

estine (DFLP), Talaat Yacoub of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) and PLO executive committee members.

A PLO communique issued here at the end of a three-day meeting did not mention the Reagan plan by name but said: "The PLO is reiterating that all American and Zionist plans and initiatives, topped by the Camp David and autonomy schemes, are only bids to shatter the unity of our people and impose American-Zionist designs on the region and the Arab nation."

The statement said the PLO's "prominent international position" as spokesman for the Palestinian people "cannot be overcome by any propaganda or deceit of our people with twisted peace formulas that do not carry any positive aspects in any sphere." The communique was the second condemnation of the Reagan plan by the PLO leaders in two weeks. A similar statement issued in Damascus late last month stressed that the Reagan proposals ignored Palestinian rights to self-determination and an independent state.

The communique failed to mention the

talks in Amman between Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein on a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation that is indirectly suggested in the U.S. plan. A major split in the eight-faction PLO has developed over the talks in Jordan with leftist and pro-Syrian groups bitterly opposing the idea. The radicals claim the PLO will forfeit its role as the "sole representative" of the Palestinians by sharing power with King Hussein and that confederation would mean a loss of independence.

After the conference, South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad discussed with the Palestinian leaders developments since Israel invaded Lebanon in June and the subsequent evacuation of an estimated 8,000 Palestinian commandos, some of them to South Yemen.

Arafat later flew to Riyadh where he said he would discuss Arab developments with Saudi leaders, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

In Damascus, a senior PLO official Sunday denied telling a Jordanian newspaper the PLO and Jordan had agreed to form a joint negotiating team for any future Middle East peace talks.

The English-language *Jordan Times* Saturday quoted the PLO head of information Yasser Abed Rabbo as saying the subject was discussed by Jordan's King Hussein and Arafat last week.

But the Palestine news agency (Wafa) Sunday quoted Abed Rabbo, who is a PLO executive member, as saying: "What the newspaper has circulated and attributed to me about an alleged joint team, is baseless and untrue."

For peacekeeping troops

Lisbon to study Lebanese request

LISBON, Dec. 6 (AP) — The Portuguese government will decide Thursday on a request from the Lebanese government to send 2,000 troops as part of an international peacekeeping force in the Middle Eastern nation.

Defense Minister Diogo Freitas Do Amaral told reporters before leaving for a meeting of European Christian Democrats Sunday the Lebanese troop request would be considered at a meeting of Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão's cabinet.

Freitas Do Amaral's confirmation of the request from Beirut first reported last Friday included no comment on official Portuguese reaction to the troop question. But, the defense minister said, no cabinet decision could be taken on the Lebanese request until Portuguese Armed Forces chief of Staff Gen.

Draper meets

Gemayel, Wazzan

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Morris Draper met with Lebanon's top government leaders Monday before leaving for Washington to report on stalemated efforts on a withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

The meeting was held at President Amin Gemayel's residence in Beirut's eastern neighborhood of Sin El-Fil. In addition to Gemayel, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, Foreign Minister Elie Salem and former ambassador to the United Nations Ghassan Tuani attended the conference.

Lebanon's state and privately-owned radios said the talks focused on the deadlock over getting talks started between Lebanon and Israel on the withdrawal of foreign forces from this Mediterranean country. The broadcasts did not elaborate.

Draper and President Ronald Reagan's top Middle East envoy, Philip C. Habib, were asked over the weekend to return to Washington for consultations on the withdrawal impasse amid Lebanese charges that Israel was setting "impossible conditions." Wazzan reiterated Saturday that President Gemayel was determined the talks should be held without prior conditions, rejecting Israeli demands that the talks be held alternately in Beirut and Tel Aviv.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — An explosion Saturday in the boiler room of Davutpassa military prison here killed five inmates, informed sources said Monday. One prisoner died immediately and four others died Sunday in hospital. Two more prisoners were seriously injured, the sources added.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Roshan Ara Begum, regarded as the queen of classical music on the subcontinent, died Sunday of heart failure, her family announced Monday. Her exact age was not known, but she was believed to be about 60.

BANGKOK, (AP) — Police Monday continued to search for a man seen in an Iraqi trade office here one hour before it was destroyed by a bomb Thursday. Lt. Gen. Pichit Mepracha, commander of the metropolitan police bureau, said three other persons seen outside the trade office earlier Thursday also were being sought.

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Cairo frees ex-M.P. held for graft

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (AP) — Rashad Osman, a millionaire and former member of parliament was released early Monday after a year of detention on charges of corruption, head of Egyptian prisons said.

Gen. Fuad Farid told the Associated Press by telephone that Osman had been released at eight a.m. (0600GMT). The socialist prosecutor or the civilian attorney in charge of civilian offences, decided to uphold the second part of a ruling by the ethics court to place Osman's assets under a five-year sequestration during which his conduct and activities will be under close watch.

In deciding to release Osman, the prosecutor said he refrained from asking the court to extend his imprisonment because Osman's behavior, when he was in detention, "indicated that he has begun a new conduct as a result of the actions taken against him which were aimed at ensuring good conduct among citizens."

The trial of Osman who was also a prominent member of the ruling National Democratic Party under the late President Anwar Sadat, led to the sacking by President Hosni Mubarak of several high officials, including a cabinet minister and the current trial of Sadat's brother, Esmat, on the same charges.

Egypt detains 1,600 extremists

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (R) — Egypt has detained about 1,600 persons while investigations continue into their involvement in clandestine extremist organizations, Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha said Sunday.

In an interview with the weekly newspaper *Mayo*, he said they preached violence and belonged to organizations like the Jihad (holy struggle) and the Repentance and Flight (Takfir Walhijra) Society.

The Jihad organization was blamed for planning the assassination of President Anwar Sadat at a military parade last year. The trial of 280 Jihad members accused of plotting the overthrow of the government by force began Saturday when all 75 defendants questioned said they had been tortured by police. The prosecution has asked for the death sentence for most of the accused.

Plot to blow up mosque in Islamabad foiled

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 6 (R) — Security forces have foiled a plot to blow up an Islamabad mosque by senior government officials, authoritative sources said Monday. They said the plot was uncovered last Friday when a man was arrested near the mosque with a time bomb.

The sources described the bomb as a highly sophisticated device capable of causing heavy damage. It resembled a device used in a car bomb explosion at Lahore airport last August in which eight persons were injured, they said. Security forces have been on special alert for possible attempts by militant opposition groups to stage incidents likely to embarrass Pakistan's military president.

Kuwait cabinet reshuffle ruled out

KUWAIT, Dec. 6 (AP) — Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah denied Sunday reports of a possible reshuffle in his cabinet.

"There is no trend for a reshuffle," he said in a statement to Kuwaiti newspaper editors. "The time is not suitable for such a reshuffle." Sheikh Saad was referring to recent speculation on a cabinet change following the Kuwait stock exchange crash earlier this year.

The crash, involving more than \$90 billion in post-dated, "bonused" checks, has led to some calls in parliament for the resignation of the government. A number of deputies called

Israel Foreign Ministry staff strike

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (AP) — A 24-hour strike by 1,000 foreign ministry employees Monday shut down the ministry's offices in Israel and, for the first time in the state's 34-year history, Israel's embassies and consulates abroad.

Telephone inquiries revealed that the strike had shut down the ministry's Tel Aviv and Jerusalem offices, as well as Israel's embassies in Rome, London, Brussels, Paris and Pretoria. Ministry spokesman Gacvi

Cyprus blast damages travel office

NICOSIA, Dec. 6 (AP) — A bomb explosion caused slight damage Sunday to the Cyprus travel office acting as agent for two Arab airlines — Gulf Air and North Yemen Airlines.

The explosion shattered the shop windows of the R.A. Travel-Master Ltd. office on Makarios Avenue, the capital's main shopping street. A police statement said the blast caused damage estimated at \$600. There

Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq, who has just left for a visit to Washington.

Pakistan's largest selling newspaper, *Jang*, reported Monday that two brothers were arrested recently in Peshawar, capital of the North West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan, on suspicion of planning acts of sabotage. It identified them as members of an organization called Al-Zulfikar which Pakistani officials have blamed for several acts of violence in recent months.

The officials have said that Al-Zulfikar is based in Afghanistan and led by the sons of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, overthrown by Gen. Zia in a 1977 coup.

for replacing cabinet ministers directly involved in financial affairs.

Sheikh Saad also said that a controversy over proposed government amendments to the Kuwaiti constitution was "unjustified." The amendment bill, presented by the government to parliament, was seen to be designed at broadening the power of the country's ruler and government.

Sheikh Saad added that the amendments were aimed at coping with the rapid developments in the country and "would not undermine parliament's jurisdiction."

Gabrielli, who was observing the strike at home, said the workers wanted an increment in the pay they received as employees of a government ministry to take into account of the special circumstances of their work.

He pointed to the need for multi-lingual skills, long hours of work and the personal dangers faced by Israel's representatives overseas. In June, Israel's ambassador to Britain, Shlomo Argov, was shot and seriously wounded in London.

There were no casualties, as the office was closed as usual on a Sunday.

This was the first bomb attack against an Arab airline office in Cyprus since 1978 when an explosion caused slight damage to the office of the Egyptian airline Egyptair in Nicosia. The police statement said investigations have been ordered to determine who is responsible for the attack against the Travel-Master Ltd office.

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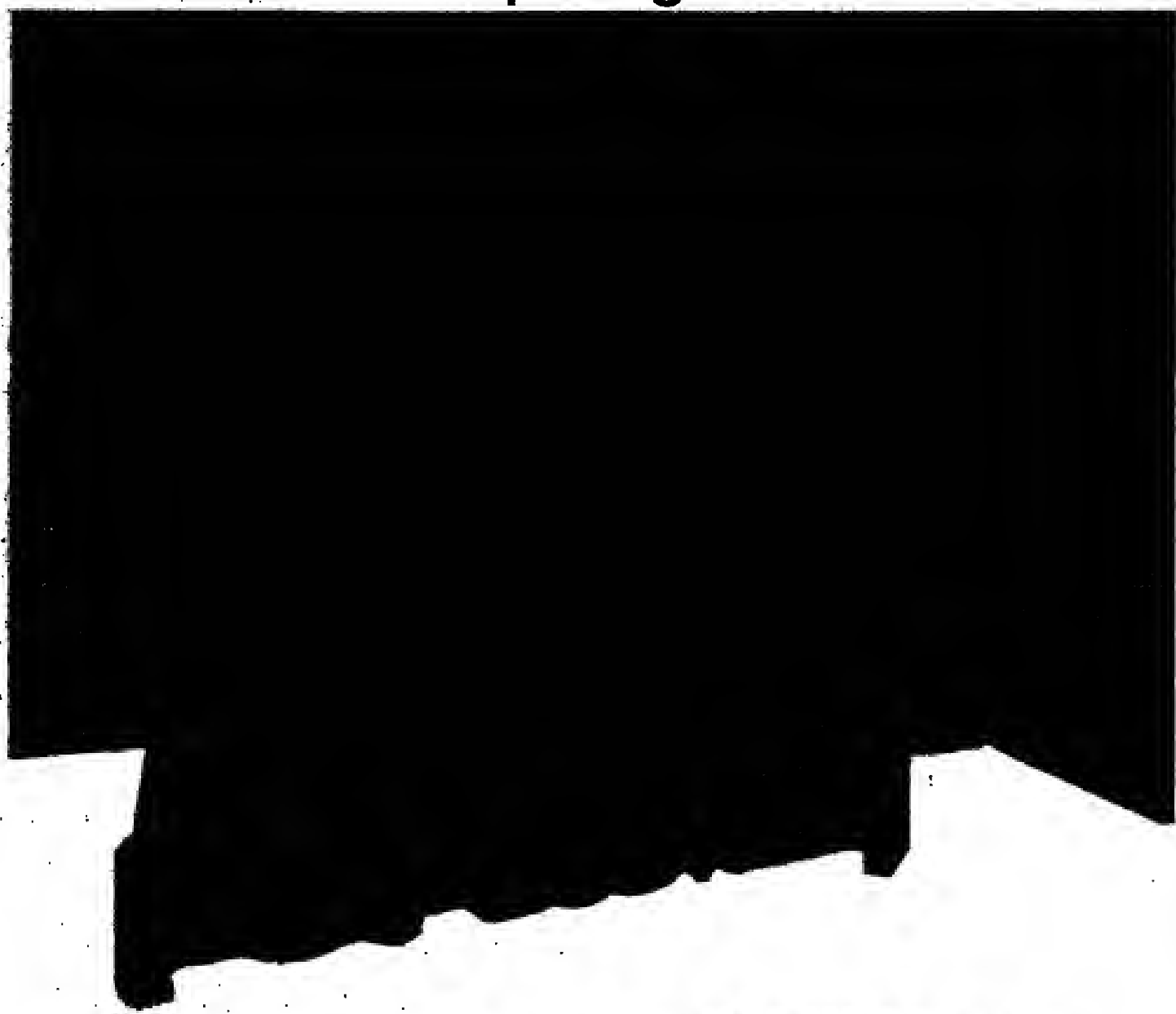
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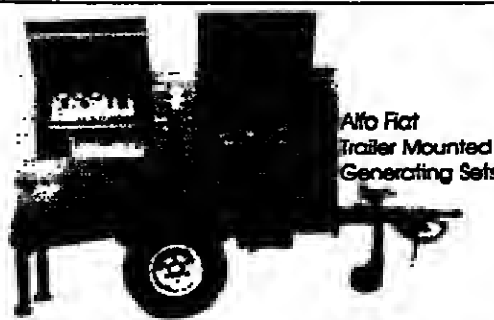


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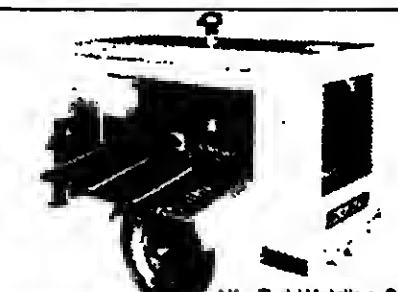
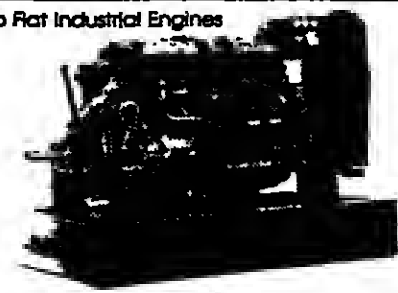
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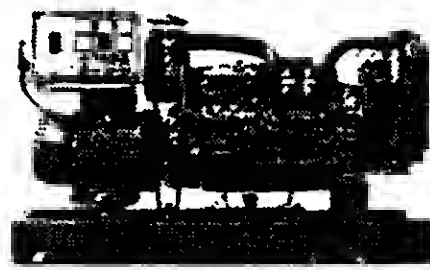
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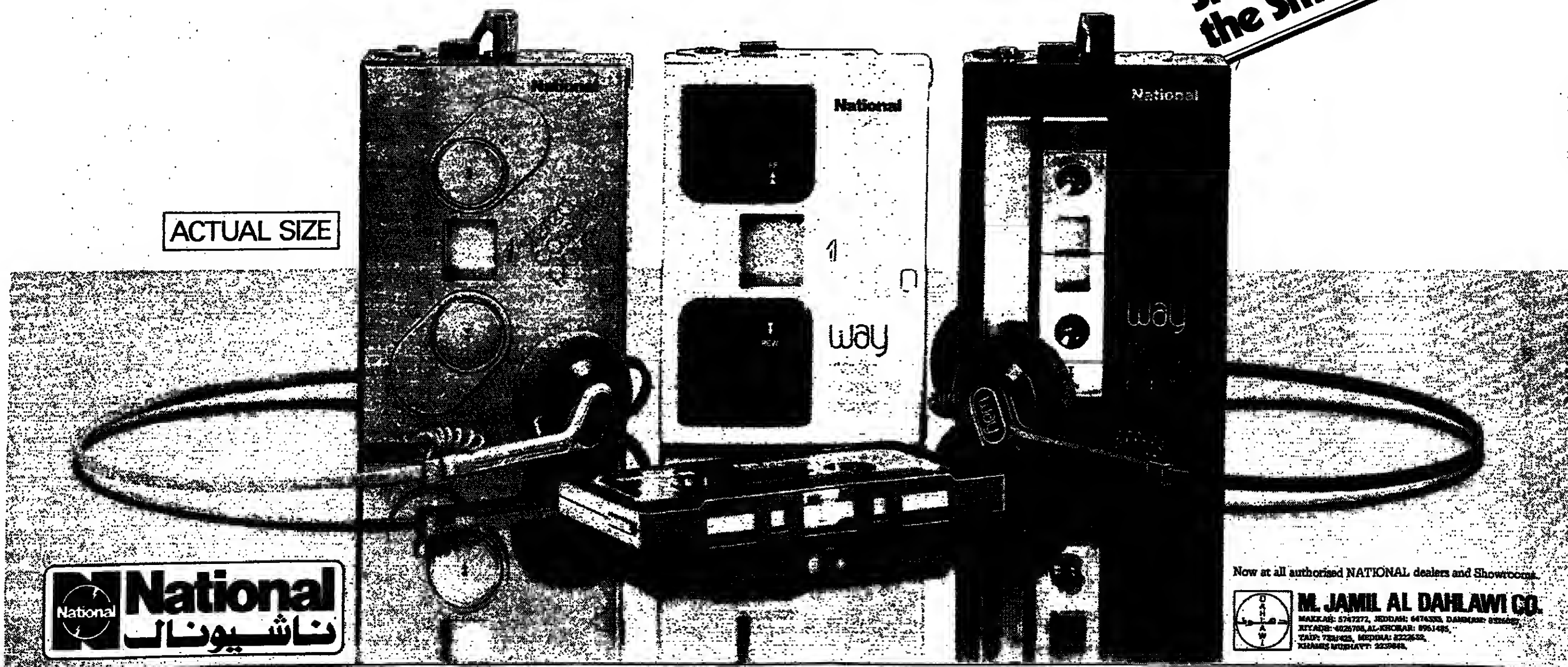
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Nevertheless, China remains far from the scene of action and is unlikely to be able effectively to influence the course of events in the region for obvious reasons. It has no military presence or military alliances in the area. It has no fleet in the Mediterranean like those of the Soviet Union and the United States. Nor does it have bases nearby which can be taken into consideration.

It is a country developing at a slow pace after the disastrous effects of Mao's closed door policies of the 1950s and 1960s. Its economy is poor and lagging and it has a long way to go to ensure self-sufficiency.

It has its own problems at home and near home with the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia and military intervention in other countries. It is also financing a war against Vietnam in Cambodia at great cost to itself. However, the Arabs must be thankful for China's attitude toward them and for the unflinching support that it has given them. Others have also expressed similar backing but China has never shied or tried of declaring it with force and clarity.

QADDAFI'S BLUNDER

Libyan policies and actions in Africa have twice wrecked the chances of the Organization of African Unity summit to be held on schedule. They have also deprived Qaddafi of the chance to become the OAU leader and speak on behalf of the continent for a whole year.

Not content with that, Qaddafi has announced plans to recruit an army of 10,000 Chadian refugees in Libya to invade their own country and bring down the regime of Hissene Habre because Qaddafi does not like him and wants the puppet Goukouni in his place.

The 10,000 homeless persons, who had been made refugees by Libyan actions and interference in their affairs, will be unleashed to sow terror and death in a country already devastated by war, perpetual drought and littered with corpses and carcasses. There is very little left to loot. Even the desert sand has been polluted by blood to make it worth using for burial purposes.

Why doesn't Qaddafi leave Chad alone? As the aspiring leader of the OAU he should have prepared for the summit by sublimating himself and his country and refrained from embroiling himself in inter-African conflicts. He has, instead, gone on making one mistake after another until most of Africa has grown to distrust him.

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Al-Jazirah Monday accused Israel of being a full partner in the Iran-Iraq war and condemned its military aid to Iran. It said Israel had sent Iran arms which it had confiscated from the Palestinian commando forces during its invasion of Lebanon. Israel had also sent its military advisors to Iran, the paper added.

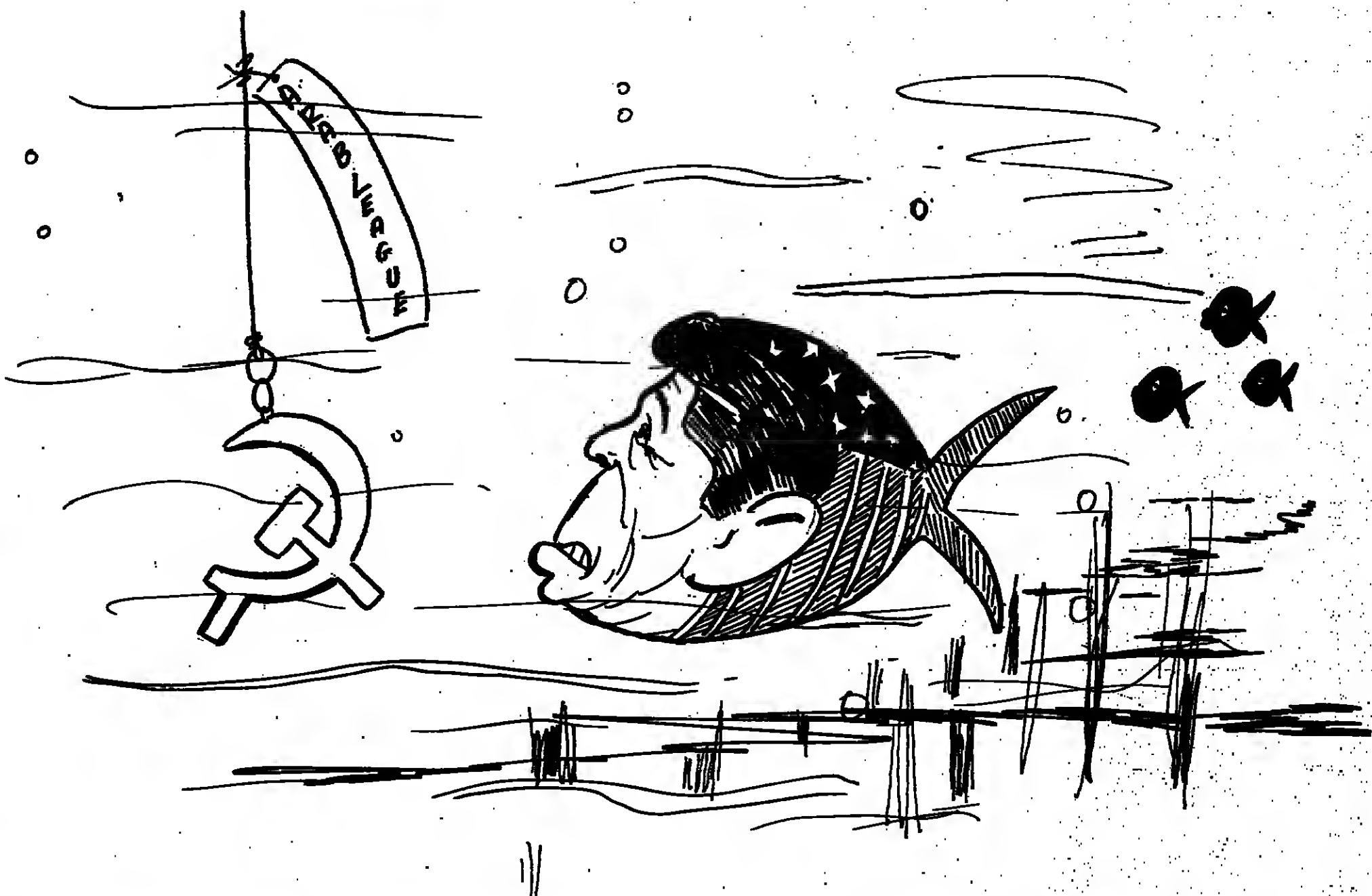
The paper noted "the Iranian regime has fallen in the Zionist trap on its own wish after it has stubbornly refused to respond to all efforts underway to put an end to this war." The paper said Israel's support for Iran was "aimed at keeping Iraq away from the eastern front and undermining the Gulf security."

Meanwhile, the Makkah-based **Al-Nadwa** called on the Arabs to make more efforts in association with the PLO so as to "recover the Palestinian rights." The paper noted that all attempts to "highlight division among the organization's ranks are aimed at serving

the Zionist interests. "Nearly two - decade old Palestinian struggle to fight for the Palestine cause will never be affected by such psychological warfare," the paper said.

Al-Riyadh warned against the renewal of factional fighting in Lebanon and blamed Israel for fomenting clashes among various Lebanese factions to "prolong its stay in Lebanon and plunge the legitimate authority into a new critical position." The paper called on all warring factions to "lay down their arms in Lebanon's national interests."

Commenting on the same subject, the Dammam-based **Al-Yom** called on the Lebanese people to "achieve national reconciliation so as to avoid the repetition of the tragedy and to prevent dissension." The paper said Israel wanted to "annex South Lebanon and divide the country into small states." (SPA)



Saddam feels Iran's objectives beyond reach

By Muhammad M'atouq
Al Majalla

BAGHDAD — Before interviewing President Saddam Hussein, I was told by Iraqi officials that the president had his own views on good and meaningful press interviews. Instead of conventional questions, the Iraqi leader had his preference for a somewhat lively and hot dialogue, they said. I felt still more encouraged when I knew that the president was a regular reader of **Al-Majalla**. So I began the interview with a direct question on the Iraq-Iran war, seeking the Iraqi leader's view on an early end of this war.

The president said that an early or far end of the war could not be based on the flight of imagination or subjected to some sort of magic, but it needed analysis. In fact, war represents a tussle between two resolves. It is also a mixture of tussle created in the light of interests and principles of each conflicting party. The Iranian officials say that they are planning to reach Baghdad, Najaf, Karbala, Misra and Basrah. They also say that they intend to topple the Iraqi government. The Iraqis have been repeating their statement that their ambitions cross even the Iraqi frontiers, claiming that they have been entrusted with the task of carrying the "Islamic message" to the farthest ends of the Arab and Islamic world in accordance with their own methods, he said.

The president added that the Iraqis actually intend to constitute a Persian Empire consisting of the Gulf and the Peninsula, so Iran can gain control over the Arab oil and reinforce its influence in the world. Iraq has already made its stances and commitments very clear, while Iran has been insisting

on the continuance of war. It is doing so on the basis of its will to expand and the pressures being exerted on the Iranian regime. The Arab states' stance has been clear, the president said, adding that the Arabs do not want to commit an aggression on Iran. Neither as Arabs nor as Baathists, the Iraqis have any ambitions in Iran. It is only because of foreign pressure that the Iranian regime is deluded to think that the realization of its ambitions is possible. He could not, therefore, say whether the war would continue for another six months or one year, but he said clearly that whatever time of war has passed was too long and only a little period is now left. The president surmised this thinking that the Iranian regime has begun to feel that it is incapable of achieving its expansionist designs at the expense of the Arabs and Iraq itself. This has become very distinct through Iran's behavior with the Gulf states. There is a change in their behavior, if not in their intentions, he said.

Asked what Iraq would do if the Iranian regime insisted on the continuance of war until its objectives are achieved, President Saddam said that "if the Iraqis tried to cross the international boundary once again with the same military force which they had deployed in Basrah and had met with failure, the battle would then be confined to limited battles." He added that the Iraqis have not mobilized the same force which they did in Basrah and also did not repeat their assaults as they had previously done. But there was still a possibility that they may repeat their attempts, he added.

Replying to a question on whether he expected an international solution within the framework of the two superpowers' accord, the Iraqi leader said that if the United States or the Soviet Union had

wanted to put an end to this war, they would have done more than what they have done so far. The Soviet Union, he said, neighbors Iran and it must have its own strategies in the region. But Iraq has the right to ask whether the Soviet strategy was to end or to prolong the war, he added. Reverting to the U.S., the president said it had vital interests in the Gulf region and the interests of its allies are also there. The entire tussle is on the oil wells in the region. The U.S. says it wants to end the war but, despite this, the war continues and Israel and other circles are supplying arms spare parts to Iran. In fact, Iraq continues to doubt that the U.S. has a role in the war and its continuance. The world Zionism even surpasses the U.S. in this field. "When we speak about the two superpowers, the question mark falls on the U.S., but without exempting the Soviet Union from certain questions," the president added.

On the restoration of ties with the U.S., President Saddam Hussein said the American stance remain aligned toward Israel. "We don't think it is normal to keep the relations severed between us and the Americans. What is normal is to maintain the ties between ourselves. While there are reasons for the rupture of ties, their restoration is linked to a political evaluation based on a certain principle. When we see that it is in the national interest to restore relations with the U.S., we would do so. But there are two basic factors that govern the assessment of the national interest: America's attitude toward the Arab-Israeli tussle and its stance on Iraq's war with Iran."

On relations between Iraq and Syria, President Saddam said there was no change from the situation

which existed before the Fez summit conference and Iraq does not hope much for the improvement of relations. But he said that Iraq would not object to any opportunity that might arise for the improvement on fundamental principles which he had made clear to Syrian President Hafez Assad during the Fez conference.

When asked whether his meeting with the Syrian President during the Fez conference had provided an opportunity for the improvement of relations, the Iraqi leader replied negatively. He said that a committee had been formed and, later, they had met at a luncheon table and held some discussions. During this meeting, both had expressed their views on the situation and then it was agreed that King Fahd would pursue the matter.

The president was reminded that once he had welcomed the Egyptian army in Baghdad amidst reports of reinforcing Iraq's ties with Egypt. He was asked how far Iraq interacted with Egypt which continued to uphold the Camp David accords. Upon which, the Iraqi leader said he believed that the Camp David accords would not permit Egypt to extend any form of military cooperation in any military tussle. He added that if Egypt had wanted to cooperate with Iraq, then why did it have to wait? The war has already entered into its third year and now there could be no pretext for any Arab, whether far away from the scene of battle or close to Iraq, to take shelter behind it. Previously, when Arab battles lasted a week or two, someone would say he had not been given opportunity (to do anything), he said. The president added that (during the present war) there was so much enough time that if anyone wanted to ride a camel at the far end of Latin America, he would have reached here by now and participated in the battle.

President Saddam Hussein said that "when we speak about the participation of Egypt or other circles, we would wish every Arab to express his fundamental view, which cannot be anything other than his support for his fellow Arab whenever he is oppressed. But how the Arabs would behave is a matter that concerns them only, each according to his own circumstances, potentialities and principles."

Nakasone may order early elections

By Yukio Nakamizako

TOKYO — Japan's new Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, saddled with a host of domestic and external problems, may well hold an early general election to strengthen his position, political analysts say.

The next election is not due until June 1984, but the analysts noted that a snap poll would suit Nakasone's powerful backer, former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka. A verdict is likely next year in Tanaka's trial on charges of taking a bribe from the U.S. Lockheed aircraft corporation while prime minister.

The analysts said Tanaka would want to minimize the threat to his political survival if he is found guilty by increasing the number of parliamentarians from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in his LDP faction, already the biggest in parliament. Critics of Nakasone see the composition of his cabinet as a payoff for Tanaka's support and have dubbed it the "Tanakasone" or even the "Tanaka" cabinet.

They said it was a marriage between Nakasone's desire to tackle thorny problems by placing the right men in the right places and Tanaka's strategy over his trial.

Despite a weak power base in the LDP, Nakasone won a landslide victory in last month's election for a new party leader and immediately installed six members of Tanaka's faction and a friend of Tanaka in his 21-seat cabinet.

A hue and cry followed, arousing latent animosities among Nakasone's own faction and another supporting faction led by his predecessor, Zenko Suzuki, LDP sources said. Most controversial was the appointment of Masaharu Gotoda, a crusted confidant of Tanaka, as chief cabinet secretary.

Nakasone said in defense that Gotoda, reported to be well versed in local administration and Japan's bureaucratic machinery, was well qualified to coordinate the important task of administrative reform. In addition to retaining Susumu Nakasone, Tanaka's right-hand man, as LDP secretary general where he is responsible for organizing elections, party funds and personnel, Nakasone gave the pivotal cabinet and party posts to Tanaka men.

His choice of Akira Hanano, a former superintendent of the metropolitan police board and a friend of Tanaka, as justice minister was criticized as a "Lockheed cover-up appointment." Legal experts said a justice minister had no authority over a court ruling since there was a clear separation of

power between Japan's legislative, executive and judiciary bodies. But political analysts said he could perhaps help to alter a court schedule.

Among the pressing tasks ahead, Nakasone's government must seek parliamentary approval of a supplementary budget for the fiscal year ending next March 31 during the current session lasting until Dec. 20. The supplementary budget calls for a \$8.47 billion cut in spending to trim a deficit and the floating of additional national bonds worth (\$15 billion).

The session will discuss a bill setting up a committee to divide the state-run Japanese national railways into seven local companies prior to transferring them to the private sector.

Hot debate is also expected on a government decision to freeze a 4.58 percent pay rise for half a million government workers and a proposed arbitration award of seven percent wage increases for

workers in the railways, two other public corporations and five government enterprises.

The prime minister's first major diplomatic test will be over Japan's planned defense buildup, regarded by the United States as insufficient, and its trade surplus with the United States approaching \$20 billion this year.

Nakasone, who has said that other policies will not function effectively without stable relations with the United States, is due to meet President Reagan in Washington Jan. 18. The analysts said any serious clash between the government and the opposition could prompt Nakasone to dissolve the lower house this month for a snap general election next month.

If he did not, his next opportunity to go to the polls to seek stronger underpinning for his leadership would be in April, coinciding with local elections on April 10 and 24. (R)

Letters to the editor

Warning to investors

Sir,
I read with interest your editorial warning the Arab investors of the fatal results of their investments in Western countries, particularly in the U.S. The profit earned on these investments help the West to build up Israeli economy and military forces, which are used against the Arabs. Also these investments are not safe in a way: they can freeze the money at any critical situation.

Now a question arises, where to invest if not in the West? The answer is the Third World countries, who have natural resources, manpower, and upto an optimum level of technical know-how. All they lack is money to build their economy, and stabilize their industrial milns.

Though the return on these investments will not be as quick and as fat as in the West it will be fruitful in the long run. Once the economic problems of these countries like Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Egypt are solved, the fears about their political non-stability will also be diminished. Their prosperity and economic stability will further strengthen the Islamic unity and power which will be a counter-power for the Western powers. This will be beneficial to both Arab and non-Arab Muslims.

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Social insurance or employment tax?

Sir,
Apropos the thoughtful suggestion of David Thomas in *Arab News* of Nov. 25, 1982, this writer is inclined to endorse his views for more than one reason.

As such, it is preposterous to even think that the Kingdom is interested in any sort of Levy of Taxes from the poor but talented and hard working Asians who are in K.S.A. only for a short while. No doubt, the authorities must have had some laudable reasons for introduction of the scheme.

The amount accrued to the scheme by now must be colossal. Benefits bestowed on the insured must have been minimal, if at all. In short, the scheme is a sort of veiled tax on the poor working class Asians. Inasmuch as the Kingdom is otherwise rich, it is necessary to go in for this sort of revenue for national development — I think not.

In case it is deemed fit to continue with the scheme, why not restrict the contribution from the employers only and thereby spare the poor working class from the levy?

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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 1982. There are 24 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1815 — France's Marshal Ney is shot after treason trial for aiding Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo.

1858 — France and Spain announce blockade of Cochín-China.

1901 — England and Italy agree on settling Sudan frontier.

1922 — Northern Ireland votes for non-alignment in Irish free state.

1941 — Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the Philippines and British Malaysia (Dec. 8 in Asia).

1952 — Riots break out in French Morocco.

1966 — Syria calls for overthrow of Jordan's King Hussein.

1968 — South Vietnamese delegation leaves for Saigon for peace talks with North Vietnamese and U.S. negotiators in Paris.

1969 — Counter-revolutionary plot is discovered in Libya.

1972 — In Manila, a man is killed as he swashes wife of Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos during public ceremony.

1974 — Archbishop Makarios returns to Cyprus after five months in exile and says he will pardon those who plotted his overthrow.

1977 — Egypt closes several of its cultural centers in Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia to retaliate against Communist critics of Egypt's peace initiatives in Middle East.

1981 — Polish authorities say leaders of the trade union Solidarity have called for overthrow of the government.

Thought for today:

I must fight if I would win. Anything worth having is worth fighting for — Lord Nelson, British naval commander (1758-1805).

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Incendiary package defused

British animal lovers running wild

By Anthony Barker

LONDON (R) — The British animal rights campaign, traditional scourge of the fox hunting fraternity, the fur coat industry and some sections of the scientific community, has apparently taken a more violent turn.

A hitherto unknown group, calling itself the Animal Rights Militia, sent an incendiary package last week to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at her official London residence, 10 Downing Street. The package, which contained a letter from the group, ignited, slightly injuring an official. Four similar packages sent to leading British politicians were defused.

The incident, vigorously condemned by all British campaigners against cruelty to animals, highlights a growing militancy among activists who have decided to replace rhetoric and invective with direct action. Opponents of blood sports have noisily condemned members of the royal family, including the young Princess of Wales, wife of the heir to the British throne, for hunting deer and foxes.

In September, animal rights campaigners noisily disrupted the Miss United Kingdom contest to protest against the promotion of furs by the fashion industry. But some groups favor even more direct action, in their campaigns for legal protection for animals. The Hunt Saboteurs' Association regularly braves the anger of hunt supporters by sprinkling snuff and chemicals to confuse foxhounds and by blowing horns of mislead pink-coated huntsmen.

The Northern Animal Liberation League storms laboratories in large groups and publishes photographs of animal experiments. Members of a group called the Sea Shepherd paint seal pups to make their pelts worthless to hunters who club them.

The most radical group, however, is the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), which says it has a moral duty to break the law to rescue animals from suffering. The ALF was founded in 1976 by a soft-spoken, bespectacled law student, Ronnie Lee, who had spent a year in prison for raids against vivisection laboratories. In 1977, after the ALF unleashed a wave of attacks on abattoirs, laboratories and a circus, he was caught with 125 rescued white mice, and jailed for a

further 12 months.

ALF membership, probably about 1,000, is loosely organized in autonomous cells and is flourishing. "Since the beginning we have probably done about two million pounds (\$3.2 million) worth of damage," Lee told Reuters. Apart from breaking equipment, ALF activists have released minks from a fur farm, stolen beagles from a laboratory testing a heart drug and grabbed hens from factory farms. About 150 ALF activists have been arrested and about 10 jailed.

Lee once told a television reporter that without law reform, misguided animal campaigners might try to kill people carrying out experiments on animals. But he said last week's incendiary letters may have been a bid to discredit the campaign. "There are massive commercial vested interests involved on the other side," he added. Animal rights activists respected all life, including human life, so the letters were unlikely to have been sent by a maverick in the movement, he said. At the same time he admitted that both sides in the controversy had resorted to violence or theft of each others' files.

ALF activists daubed paint on the homes and cars of 100 scientists who had worked on some of the 4.3 million mammals used in experiments last year. They sent neighbors leaflets calling the scientists sadists or murderers. The Research Defense Union, which defends animal experiments, says some scientists' children were intimidated at school.

Most animal rights groups sympathize with the ALF's motives, but reject its methods. Instead, they have set up the Animal Protection Alliance, an umbrella political pressure group against factory farming, laboratory experiments and trading in wildlife. Richard Course, who represents the League Against Cruel Sports, told Reuters that pressure to improve animal protection laws dating back to 1876 was bearing fruit. In 1979 the three major British political parties had animal rights in their election manifestos for the first time, he said.

Perhaps the best testimony to the effectiveness of the campaign came from Liberal leader David Steel. After learning that one of last week's incendiary packages had been addressed to him, he told his supporters that he was not surprised that animal welfare had emerged as a cause for radical protest.



TOKEN CONTRIBUTION: Prince Philip of Britain chips in a 500-yen coin with Japanese children into a panda charity box at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo as a token in a fund-raising campaign for World Wildlife Fund during a recent visit to Japan.

United Nations losing touristic appeal

By Matthew Viti

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Sophie Kurell is proud of the job she does giving guided tours of the United Nations. But some days, she says, she could really use a map of the world. "It would help most with children," she says. "You ask them to name a country and they tell you, 'Brooklyn' (a borough of New York City)."

The lack of a map along the guided tour route is just one of the problems confronting the U.N. visitor's section, which has experienced a near 40 percent drop in the number of tourists visiting the United Nations since 1970. Takashi Endo, chief of the visitor's section, believes the drop-off is due to the general economic decline and falling numbers of tourists visiting New York. "These are the factors beyond our control," he said.

But the problem may be compounded by years of neglect for the guided tour. Some of the exhibits are 30 years old. It is difficult for the visitor's center to compete with other attractions in New York, Endo said. As it stands now, the biggest attractions at the U.N. are the General Assembly and the Security Council. The tour stops at other large conference rooms and photographic displays on subjects such as refugees, the Palestinians and UNICEF. But there is not much else. And when the delegates go into a closed session, Kurell said she finds it difficult to keep the visitors' attention. "If it's a bad day for you and the rooms are closed, you really don't have much to talk about," she said.

Endo said the visitor's section plans to make changes in the tour by adding audio-

visual displays and new exhibits that would help guides explain what is going on inside the meeting rooms. "We are in the process of improving the tourist situation with new exhibits, an improvement in the overall tourist facilities," Endo said. "The project is still under consideration, but eventually we will have an improved tourist situation and then we could perhaps publicize a little bit to attract more visitors."

The problem is money. Endo estimates the improvements envisioned under an ambitious draft plan could cost as much as \$500 million, a considerable amount given the increased awareness at the U.N. of its ballooning budget.

The funding problem is compounded by the fact that the guided lecture tours at U.N. headquarters are expected to lose more than \$7.9 million in the two-year budget period that ends in December 1983. A tour costs \$3.

Endo believes the visitor's section may have to look for outside funding to improve the tour, perhaps in the form of a donation from a member country. "We have been hoping that such funds could come along, but nothing's definite yet," he said.

Despite the problems, however, Endo said the visitor's center still provides a vital service to the public. More than half a million people this year are expected to take one of the tours that leave the main floor every 20 minutes, seven days a week.

"The purpose of our operation is to educate a sizable audience so they will have better support for the activities at the U.N. So it is really important to increase the number of visitors," he said.

Namibia's oasis of apartheid

By Allister Sparks

WALVIS BAY (LOS) — With a smile that sends his walrus whiskers soaring, Vernon Webster, proprietor of the Flamingo Furniture Store and other properties here, will tell you what a crazy place Walvis Bay has become.

A few years ago Webster went to jail rather than pay a fine for letting colored tenants occupy a block of flats he owned. He made his protest because he reckoned the law had become an ass through a diplomatic stratagem by the South African government to ensure that a future independent Namibia will be totally dependent on it economically.

With independence negotiations under way, South Africa dredged up a forgotten piece of history to lay claim to the territory's only seaport. It established direct rule over a 385-square-mile enclave around Walvis Bay, separating it from the rest of Namibia which it also administers under an old League of Nations mandate. This meant that South African apartheid laws, including the Group Areas Act which enforces segregated living areas, were imposed on Walvis Bay just when the internal administration in Namibia was trying to impress the world by abolishing them.

Webster ignored the sudden requirement that he should evict his colored tenants, and when convicted chose jail. Vernon Webster's experience is not the only absurdity caused by South Africa's stratagem. Most local whites are happy enough to have South Africa's apartheid laws imposed, but not its stringent laws.

Arbitrary and absurd though it may be, South Africa's claim to the port is real enough and will pose huge problems for a future independence government, especially if it is the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO), which most observers believe would easily win any pre-independence elections in Namibia.

Reaffirming South Africa's determination to keep the port, Prime Minister P.W. Botha said in a speech two months ago he would be prepared to negotiate its use with a friendly Namibian government after independence. He is unlikely to regard SWAPO as friendly. He claims it is Communist.

Retention of the port would make a SWAPO-ruled Namibia as dependent on South Africa as the former British protectorates of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, which are compelled to take a soft line on apartheid. There are no other potential ports, and the only railway runs into South Africa.

SWAPO protested when South Africa first announced its claim to Walvis Bay but has since fallen silent. Historically, the claim seems indisputable. Britain annexed the port in 1878 in a futile bid to block Bismarck's moves to colonize Southwest Africa. Six years later the annexation was passed to the Cape colonial government.

All this was forgotten after World War I when South Africa occupied the German colony and was granted the mandate. For half a century the whole place was run virtually as a fifth province of South Africa.

"I don't think anyone here had any idea Walvis had a separate status," said Mayor Nico Retief, a sleekly dapper man who likes to wear three-piece business suits in the desert heat, "but now we are all pleased about it. I think it gives us a sense of security knowing South Africa has this strong bargaining point."

Walvis Bay is an unlovely town in a dramatic setting. The Namib Desert sweeps in great red dunes into an icy Atlantic, where the Benguela current washes up from Antarctica. The combination of cold sea and burning desert has produced the most desolate coastline on earth. The moonscape of the Skeleton Coast stretches away for a thousand miles to the north, with not a road or a hamlet or a drop of moisture along the way. Walvis itself averages half an inch of rain a year.



U.N. HEADQUARTERS: The United Nations has experienced a near 40 percent drop in the number of tourists since 1970.

A Mercedes car and three fishes

By Dr. Ghazi Algosaili
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JEDDAH — I have never owned a Mercedes car in my life; this is not due to any hostility to the German industry, or to great admiration for its American counterpart. It was only due to the prevailing circumstances.

The first car I ever possessed was a small Plymouth. It was given to me as a present by my late father while I was doing my post-graduate studies in the United States. My second car was a slightly used secondhand Ford which was presented to me at the time by my brother. The third was a small British Hillman which I had bought on "easy" instalments without any down payment from my friend Abdulrahman Al-Issa. Since then I have had no car except the official ones which are all American.

Last week, however, and for the first time in my life, I owned a Mercedes, and my happiness in acquiring it was unequalled. It is actually a truck of a strange type. Its length does not exceed two meters and it only moves if pushed. Its payload is no more than 20 kg. Why then was my happiness so great? The explanation is that this is a truck built by young Saudis who now receive their training at the National Automobile Industry Vocational Center in Jeddah. Yes, this truck is built by young Saudis, and beyond

this nothing is of any importance to me. Neither its length nor its width. It is one of the most precious gifts I have ever received in my life.

Incidentally, I have other precious gifts at my home — three fishes that swim in a beautiful aquarium. The fishes and the aquarium have their own story. Four years ago the Riyadh Electricity Company announced its intention to set up a training center. But there were people who said that no one would join the center. However, we were extremely surprised that 500 young Saudis applied for the available 50 seats. I have visited the apprentices many a time and was immensely proud and impressed with their diligence and conscientiousness.

Years passed, and the graduate decided to present me with a souvenir of their own production. They made the aquarium and the electrical equipment needed for water ventilation. They bought the three fishes and paid me a surprise visit at my home. I was sick that day, but the beautiful present made my recovery fast.

And now, whenever I set my eyes on the Mercedes truck or on the aquarium I think of the several thousand young Saudis who are receiving their training with enthusiasm and diligence. This fills me with hope for the future.

I extend my sincere greetings to you.
(Courtesy: Al Yamamah)

A haven for wildlife
East Java's Africa

By Warief Djaizanto

BALURAN, Indonesia, (Depthnews) — A long-tailed purple-green peacock struts across a grassy field. About 500 meters away, a herd of rusa deer wanders on the open plain. It is 5:00 a.m., with the sun and the dawn slowly emerging. From the hilltop watch-tower, observers watch wildlife wake up on the savannah below, a wide expanse of sun-dried grassland.

This is East Java's bit of Africa, a savannah grassland in the whole country found only in this 27,000-hectare national park facing Bali Strait. The savannah grass is a dull yellow in this driest part of Java where rainfall is 900-1,600 millimeters between November and April.

About 1,200 kms east of Jakarta, the park is dominated by the 1,247-meter extinct Baluran volcano enclosing a deep caldera. The rest of the park is a mosaic of short-grass tree savannah (40 percent) and monsoon forest (20 percent). Swamp and mangrove forests surround the coastline, roughly 40 kms long with coral reefs, sandbanks, mudflats and shallow bays.

Baluran is unique both for its wildlife and for game-watching conditions. With road improvements and a temporary 30-bed guest house, the park has a "carrying capacity" of 100 tourists a day. Visitors may enter with permission from the FPA or the Nature Conservation Directorate of the Department of Agriculture. The FPA, which manages Indonesia's 15 declared national parks, plans to arrange guided tours, the best time at dawn when animals congregate near waterholes.

Besides being a tourism attraction, Baluran's value is in its wildlife: civets, squirrels, fruit bats, green junglefowl, macaques, some leaf monkeys in the upland forest, monitor lizards, the spotted dove, bee-eaters, rusa deer (population more than 300), and wild water buffalo (about 250). Among the endangered species in the park are the wild dog (*Cynopsis*), leopard (*Panthera pardus*), and the banded kinkajou (*Prionodon lineatus*). Of 455 species found on Java Island, 147 have been recorded in Baluran.

A particular endangered species is the banteng (*Bos javanicus*) believed to number only about 150 heads. Rarely seen, the unique banteng is found only in Baluran and is believed to be one of the living ancestors of cattle. "The banteng can be domesticated, but they are difficult to track," says Hadi S. Ali Kodra, 34, a researcher from the Bogor Institute of Agriculture, doing research for a doctoral thesis on the banteng.

Baluran's monsoon forest is the only known habitat of the blue dap-dap tree (*Erythrina endophylla*). Dap-dap trees serve as protection for coffee stands. Lamuran grass in the park contains nutrients that are excellent for animal feed; some of the seeds have been sent to Africa for possible cultivation. Wild fruits — including *kemboko*, *jambai*, *kutan*, *asam* (tamarind) and the *kembang* — are known for their medicinal properties.

Unlike some parks in Indonesia, even

some in Java, Baluran is easily accessible. The tourist town of Denpasar (in Bali) is only four hours away, including the ferry ride. The 12-km drive to the Bekol resthouse is only 45 minutes through a bumpy dirt road that cuts through a forest before reaching the savannah.

"The problem here is how to keep the ecosystem in balance," says Saleh Suharja Sanusi, 36, the park's chief warden, noting the ease people have in entering the forests to gather wild fruits and fuelwood, as well as poach.

Except for the stream in the extinct volcano's caldera itself and 10 coastal springs which fishermen also use, there is no water source in the park. This makes it easier for poachers to kill animals at the dry season's height, when it is also possible to travel most of the savannah in four-wheel drive vehicles. Poachers shot and got away with two kerbau, or wild water buffalo, last June and August taking only the thigh meat.

Poaching is not a crime under Indonesian law; it is considered only a misdemeanor carrying a maximum of three months imprisonment. Until 1980, when Baluran was declared a national park, army personnel were in charge of the reserve. Military exercises then often intruded.

The park's western boundary has been encroached on by teak (nearly 20 percent of the area) and turi (*Sesbania grandiflora*) plantations. Though Baluran's protected status dates back to 1937 various modifications to the original reserve have led to the loss of 6,000 hectares to commercial plantations and various smaller enclave operations.

The savannah itself has been invaded by a tree foreign to the area, the *Acacia robusta* initially planted as a firebreak. Without illegal human disturbance, there would be no wildfire in the savannah. Ironically, fire is needed to maintain the grassland and protect the savannah from encroaching trees.

The park's principal objective is to maintain the present ecosystem, particularly the banteng cattle. Management techniques include protection from outside disturbance, savannah, mangrove and forest protection and the elimination of enclave operations.

The most common animal in the savannah is the wild water buffalo which competes with banteng cattle and rusa deer. Since the wild water buffaloes are the easiest seen by tourists, park officials are faced with questions like: should the buffalo stay to satisfy the tourists?

Baluran is currently open for scientific research and selected visitors. Tourists are not allowed to stay overnight or camp. They must drive in on their own and must be escorted by guides to selected sites. There are no restaurants, food stalls, or inns for tourists.

Sturdy observation posts atop trees serve as watch-towers in several parts of the savannah, including those near water holes where animals congregate to drink water at dawn and dusk. During the day, nature lovers can walk through monsoon forests and mangroves, or wait patiently hidden by savannah grass to watch animals saunter by.

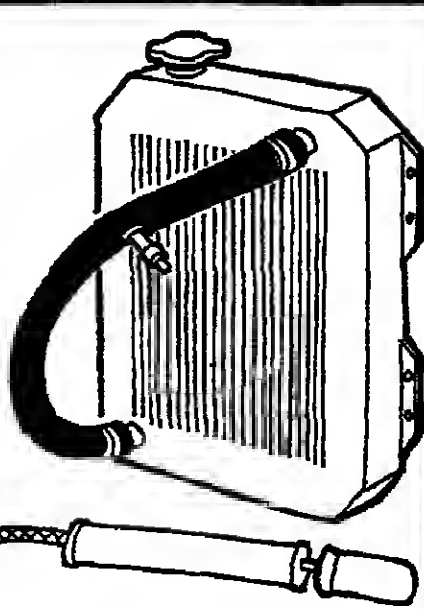
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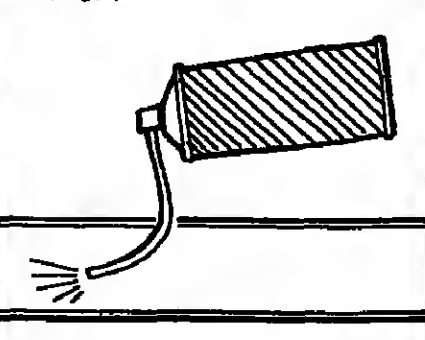
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Police escort Smith to Harare for search

HARARE, Dec. 6 (R) — Former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith is being escorted by police from his midlands farm to the Zimbabwean capital of Harare to be present as his home in the city is searched, his wife said Monday.

Mrs. Janet Smith told reporters by telephone just before the group left that police had turned down her husband's request for time to attend a cattle sale and insisted they travel to Harare immediately.

A government spokesman had earlier described as preposterous Smith's request that the search operation be postponed until Thursday when both he and his wife would be in Harare after the sale Tuesday. Police are

busier beings than Ian Smith. He is trying to be difficult and as a government we cannot sympathize with his actions," the spokesman said.

Police had searched the farm, some 350 kilometers south of Harare, last Saturday. Their request to search Smith's Harare home followed. The spokesman said police were continuing investigations involving the white opposition leader but did not want they were investigating.

Smith's passport was withdrawn indefinitely last week because of his criticism of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's black majority government during visits in the United States and Britain.

Salvador rights panel hailed

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 6 (R) — El Salvador's top churchman praised the creation of a human rights commission in his country but said the body could be judged only by its action.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas said Sunday "the creation of a human rights commission gives us hope. The commission has the real capacity to be able to achieve its mission. But without goals and actions the commission will not improve the country's situation."

The commission was set up Tuesday by President Alvaro Vagana to study human

rights problems in this riot-torn country and make recommendations for improvements.

The panel, which includes representatives of the church, organized labor, government security forces and the private sector, was welcomed by the United States as a step toward reducing violence in El Salvador. The prelate also lauded President Reagan's visit to Central America but said the United States should not undermine the country's rights to self-determination.

A guerrilla radio station Sunday reported fierce fighting between leftist guerrillas and government troops in the northern provinces of La Union and Morazan.

Terrorist shot dead in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 6 (AP) — Police killed fugitive terrorist leader Juan Martin Luna in a shootout on a Barcelona street Sunday, authorities said.

Police said Martin Luna, head of a group known as Grapo, shot at plainclothes agents when he was told to halt. Police returned fire and seriously wounded the terrorist, who died on arrival at a hospital.

Martin Luna escaped from the Zamora high-security prison in northern Spain three years ago along with four other Grapo guerrillas who dug a tunnel under the prison walls. He was the only one of the five still at large.

Martin Luna, 38, a welder, was sentenced to 37 years in prison for killing an army captain in 1977. Police said he was responsible for a wave of bomb attacks on public buildings around Spain in September.

Grapo — the Oct. 1 anti-fascist revolutionary group — first appeared in 1976 with the killing of four policemen in Madrid. The urban guerrilla organization was blamed for more than 30 killings since then, including a general, a supreme court justice and security forces.



Juan Martin Luna

Canada airlifts Rotary medical supplies to Haiti capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Dec. 6 (AP) — Some \$32,000 worth of medical supplies donated by Rotary clubs in Canada and the United States have been airlifted to this capital by the Canadian government to help equip a private hospital now under construction here.

The supplies, which arrived here late Saturday aboard a Canadian Army air trans-

Who's Who in France turns 'pink'

PARIS, Dec. 6 (R) — The latest red-covered edition of *Who's Who in France* has a distinct pink tinge inside as well, reflecting the Socialist takeover of power since 1981.

Many of the 1,009 fresh names in the directory of French privilege belong to flag-bearers of the new regime in government and parliament and at the head of the nationalized industries.

Since legislators, unlike mere social climbers, get in automatically, prominent left-wingers such as Socialist President Francois Mitterrand and Communist Party leader Georges Marchais have been included for years. They are now joined by a host of Socialist and Communist deputies and senators elected for the first time to form Mitterrand's majority.

Their potted biographies sit alongside the more traditional who's who entries of the count of Paris, pretender to the French throne, the aristocracy and the leaders of private industry. The appearance of so many leftist names in a bastion of elitism has

prompted wary comments, not all of them from the right. "The new French nomenclature," said the Socialist daily *Le Matin*, recalling the name given to the Soviet Union's ruling class.

This edition, containing 18,842 names and weighing 2.7 kilos has been published six months early to take account of the new hands on the levers of power. The last one, which appeared in April, 1981, came out only weeks before the Socialists displaced Valery Giscard d'Estaing as president.

The editors estimate that 80 percent of the book has had to be revised, giving an indication of the extent of the changes. Editor Jacques Bodo said that the names of some 700 people previously included because of their position in politics had been removed.

Who's Who, established in 1954, calls itself the "mirror of France," although not everyone agrees. The snobbery attached to getting in prompted *Le Monde* journalist Bruno Frappat to call it "the biographical dictionary of people who count — or think they do."

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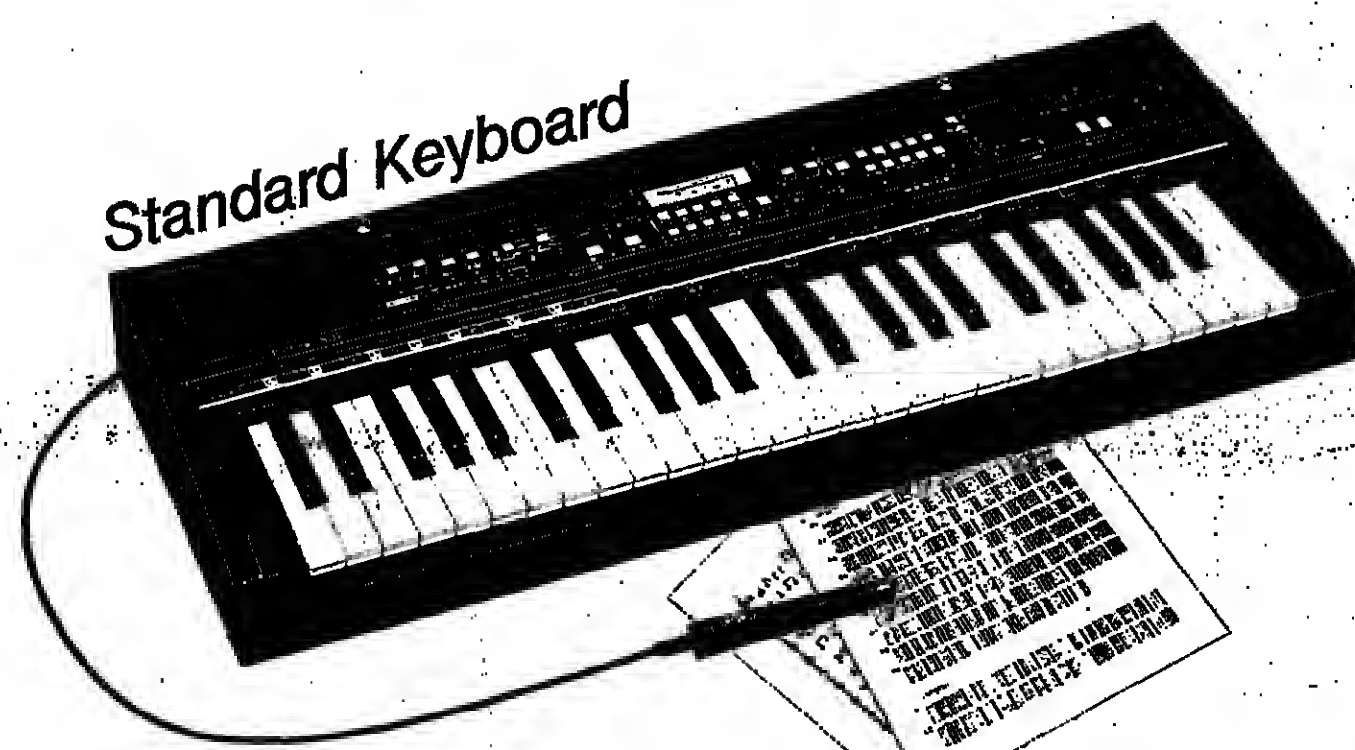
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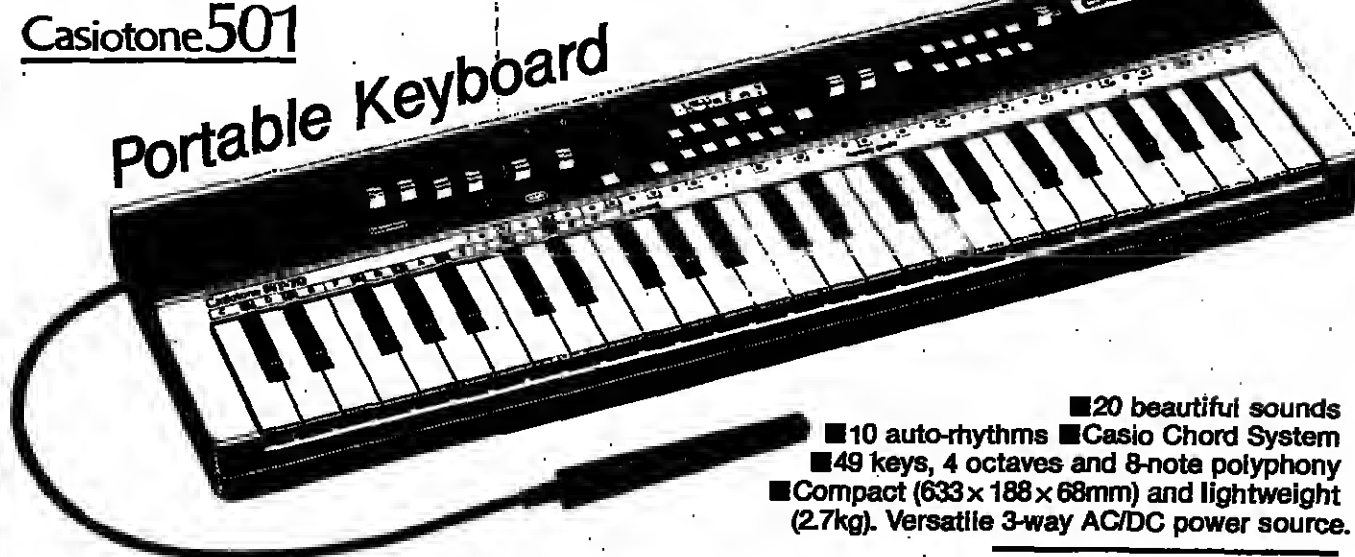
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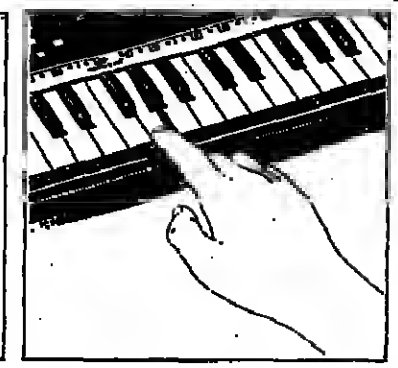
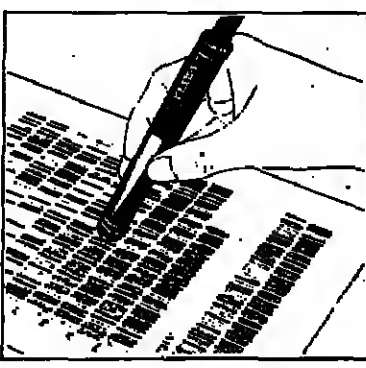
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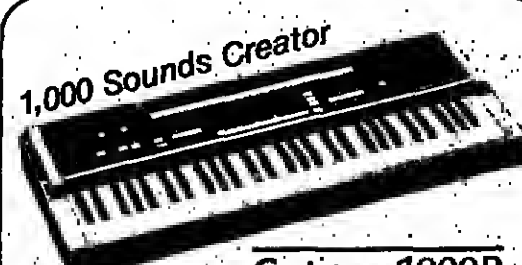
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Bulgarian release plea rejected

ROME, Dec. 6 (R) — A special court Monday rejected an appeal for immediate release by the Bulgarian arrested on charges of complicity in last year's attempted assassination of Pope John Paul, judicial sources said. They said the court decided there were sufficient grounds for the continued detention of Sergei Ivanov Antonov, 34, arrested here on Nov. 25.

Antonov's case was put to the court by two lawyers hired last week by the Bulgarian Embassy, which has said he is innocent. The lawyers, Giuseppe Consolo and Adolfo Larussa, argued that Antonov had no role in the shooting, citing testimony from colleagues who said he was working in his office when Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca opened fire on May 13 last year.

The court said the warrant for his arrest issued by investigating magistrate Ilario Mar-

tella was justified by the evidence available, the sources said. Antonov is one of three Bulgarians who Martella has now suggested were involved in the attack. The others, Teodorov Ayvanov and Vassiliev Kolev, are still being sought.

The charges have strained relations between Italy and Bulgaria, which have been further undermined by allegations of Bulgarian involvement in a network of arms and heroin dealers based in northern Italy.

The sources said the case against Antonov was based in part on evidence provided recently to Martella by Agca, who is serving a life sentence. The other two Bulgarians sought, both of whom worked at the embassy in Rome, have left Italy.

Martella has also alleged that five Turks may have been involved in the attack. Of these Omar Bagci and Musa Edar Celibi, as

well as Agca, have been arrested.

The magistrate has not specified what precise role Agca's alleged accomplices are thought to have played. But he has said the shooting was planned in a series of meetings the gunman had in Italy and elsewhere.

Italian newspapers have said that a photograph taken seconds after the pope was shot shows a man in St. Peter's Square who bears a resemblance to Antonov.

The Bulgarian Embassy issued a statement Sunday night saying that while press reports indicated the state's case was based on Antonov's presence in the square that day, Italian magistrates never questioned his fellow employees.

Italian officials have not given the basis of their case against Antonov. They have contended, however, that they had sufficient evidence to justify his arrest Nov. 26.

100 works of shuttle art go on display in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP) — For nearly two decades, NASA has encouraged well-known artists to record the adventure of America's space program. They have produced thousands of paintings and drawings of liftoffs and landings, astronauts and technicians, spaceships and rockets. The result is an unprecedented historical record of the United States' exploration of space.

The advent of the space shuttle flight program last year accelerated the effort, and last week 100 works of shuttle art went on display in a gallery at the Smithsonian Institution's national air and space museum here.

The exhibit will remain at the Museum until next September and then tour several

cities in the United States. A final schedule has not yet been drawn up.

The collection includes drawings, water colors, acrylics and oils, and tells the shuttle story in varying concepts, from abstract fantasy to near-photographic realism. The shuttle *Columbia* is featured in launch preparation, on the pad, blasting away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., landing in the California desert. Astronauts are shown training, donning space suits, studying flight plans, boarding their spacecraft.

Robert Schmalzer, NASA graphics coordinator, said: "The artist on the spot captures the emotional impact and hidden significance of the activities of each shuttle launch."

Airbottle burst caused jet crash

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (R) — Communist Chinese authorities have concluded the bursting of a high-pressure airbottle in the emergency brakes caused the Sept. 17 crash of a Japan Airlines DC-8 at Shanghai Airport, the Japanese Transport Ministry said Monday.

The airliner, with 113 passengers and 11 crew, overshot the runway on takeoff, injuring 27 persons. A report by the Civil Aviation Administration of China said fragments of the steel airbottle had damaged the plane's oil pressure and braking systems, the ministry said. Japanese aviation authorities who had taken part in the Chinese investigation accepted the report, it added.

Charges withdrawn against Miss Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 6 (R) — A charge of fraud against Zindiswa Mandela, youngest daughter of jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, was withdrawn in a Johannesburg magistrate's court Monday.

Miss Mandela, 22, who is a student in Swaziland, was arrested last October at the South African border post of Oshock and charged with having forged travel documents. No details of the allegations were given in the charge sheet at Monday's brief hearing.

Legal sources said the case had no connection with Miss Mandela's reported detention by police for questioning after a raid on her home in Soweto, Johannesburg's black satellite city, last Thursday.

S. African poet arrives in France

PARIS, Dec. 6 (R) — Anti-apartheid poet Breyten Breytenbach arrived in France Sunday night looking tired and gaunt, following his unexpected release from prison in his native South Africa two years before completing a nine-year sentence.

"Being free is something of a shock I haven't quite recovered from yet but I am very happy to be breathing French air," he told reporters. The 44-year-old dissident, convicted of plotting to overthrow the South African government, was released Thursday.

The French Foreign Ministry said the poet was allowed to leave jail as a result of vigorous efforts on his behalf by the Socialist government in Paris. Breytenbach lived in France for 13 years before his arrest during a clandestine visit to South Africa in 1975. He admitted at his trial that he actively supported the banned African National Congress (ANC).

His Vietnamese wife Yolande was with

him when he stepped from the plane wearing a crumpled suit and looking visibly moved to be greeted by a Foreign Ministry official. Speaking in fluent French, he told reporters: "I was born South African and I will remain South African but I am very happy to have come home to France."

Visited in prison by French diplomats, he was aware that the French government was doing something for him "but I did not expect to be released. It was a bolt from the blue." He said he was well treated in jail but added: "The first two years were horrible because I was in solitary confinement."

Breytenbach said he continued to write poetry while detained, work which had taken a "darker and more pessimistic dimension" than before, and which he hoped to publish in France. He told reporters he would take time to recover before deciding whether to continue his anti-apartheid in France.

East German women oppose draft

BONN, Dec. 6 (AP) — Several hundred East German women have told Communist leader Erich Honecker that they will not take up arms to defend their state and asked him to reconsider a law drafting women in times of emergency, *Der Spiegel* magazine said Sunday.

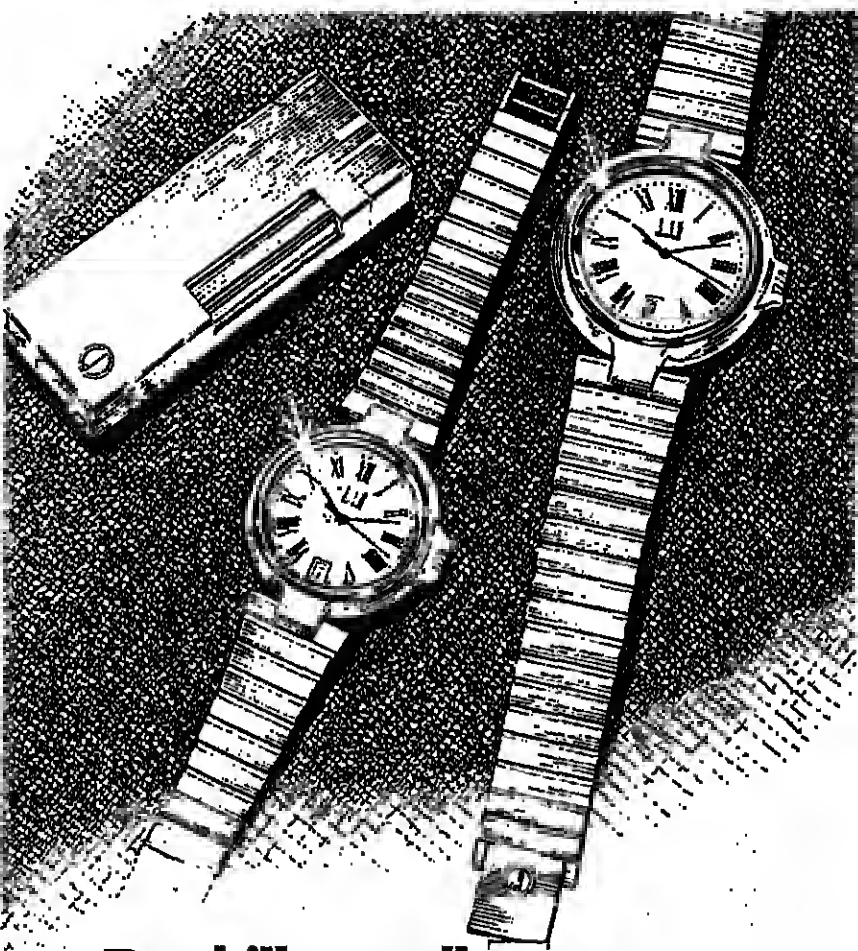
The magazine printed what it said was the text of a letter the women sent to Honecker in October. *Der Spiegel* said that two of the "several hundred women" who signed it were seized briefly by East German police recently. *Der Spiegel* did not say how it obtained the text of the letter, which ended

with a plea to Honecker "to give us a chance for an open talk."

In the magazine text, the women attacked the passage of a law last March 25 that extended military service for reservists and also introduced conscription for women aged between 18 and 50 in times of emergency.

Passage of the law by the East German Parliament violated the country's constitution because the measure had not first been put up for public discussion as the constitution provided, the letter said.

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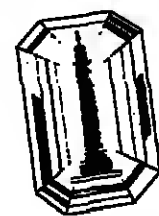


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Chamberlain, Hoddle in Robson's squad for European match

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP) — Glenn Hoddle and Mark Chamberlain were recalled to the England soccer squad when manager Bobby Robson Monday named a 22-player party to face Luxembourg in a European Championship Group Three match at Wembley Stadium on Dec. 15.

Hoddle, who has just recovered from a knee ligament injury, is named by Robson for the first time, while Chamberlain returns after missing England's 3-0 win against Greece in Salonika last month. Tottenham midfielder Hoddle clinched his place with a fine performance in the 1-1 draw against West Bromwich Saturday, while Stoke winger Chamberlain has been playing consistently well for his club.

Manchester United midfielder Steve Coppell, Arsenal midfielder Graham Rix, Ipswich defender Terry Butcher and West Ham playmaker Alan Devonshire all are included after missing the match against Greece through injury, while Manchester City stopper Tommy Caton, who deputised for Butcher, keeps his place in the squad.

Tony Morley, who replaced Devonshire in that match, was left out by Robson. He will play for Aston Villa against Pensol of

Uruguay in the World Club Championship in Tokyo at the weekend.

Robson, who has guided England to the top of Group Three with a win and a draw in two matches, said: "I have not considered anyone from Aston Villa because it would be physically asking too much of them to make two 18 hour flights and play a vital club game just before an international."

Devonshire is the only doubt in the squad. He still is troubled by a hamstring injury and Watford's exciting young winger John Barnes is on standby. Robson, who took over from Ron Greenwood after the World Cup finals, will be hoping to call on both Hoddle and Coppell for the first time.

Coppell has recovered from a nagging knee injury, while Robson is hopeful that Hoddle will show the fighting spirit Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw has been trying to instill in him. "I fully support (Burkinshaw's) anxiety to get the best out of Glenn," said Robson. "He is trying to get him to work harder and it appears to be working."

Robson, will, nonetheless, find it hard to tamper with the midfielder of Sammy Lee. Bryan Robson and Gary Mabbutt that played so well against Greece and both Hoddle and Coppell could start on the bench.

In Wales team

Vaughan only uncapped star

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 6 (AP) — Forwards Gordon Davies and Alan Curtis both are battling to overcome knee injuries in time to play for Wales in a European Championship soccer match against Yugoslavia in Thograd on Dec. 15.

Curtis was injured during Swansea's 2-0 victory over Luton at the weekend, while Davies, Fulham's leading scorer, has been out of action for a week with painful ligament trouble.

Wales manager Mike England said Monday: "I think Curtis will be struggling, but Davies should be available." England, who has included Newport's Nigel Vaughan as the only uncapped player in his 16-man squad, will be hoping to pair Davies and Ian Rush of Liverpool, scorer of 14 goals this season, in attack.

English Soccer tid-bits

Brighton manager sacked

BRIGHTON, Dec. 6 (AP) — Mike Bailey was fired Monday as manager of English First Division soccer club Brighton.

Bailey's job was understood to be in doubt after Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Coventry and he was dismissed after a meeting with club chairman Mike Bamber. Coaches John Collins and Brian Eastick also are leaving the club.

West Ham United Monday signed center-half Joe Gallagher on a one month trial. Gallagher, formerly with Birmengham City, last month was given a free transfer by Wolverhampton Wanderers.

KKNH bags Oval trophy

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — King Khaled National Guards Hospital scored a thrilling six runs victory over Bank Al Jazirah to be crowned the Oval Trophy cricket champions during the weekend.

And they achieved this feat, having played just one friendly match before venturing into the tournament to come out victors with two balls to spare.

Bank Al Jazirah, making first use of the wicket, were off to a splendid start with Salman 22 and Hammad, who was named man of the final, remaining unbeaten on 65. But



Hammad... man of the final

Lamb, Gower in big partnership

MELBOURNE, Dec. 6 (AP) — English batsmen David Gower and Allan Lamb sounded a warning to Australia Monday with a 189 partnership against Victoria in the tourists' second innings on the third day of a four-day game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

At the close England were 268 for three with the not out batsmen Allan Lamb on 95 and Vic Marks yet to score. Victoria's first innings' score was 295 in reply to England's tally of 275.

With England 79 for 2 acting captain Gower and Lamb came together just after lunch and "produced a splendid display of batting. The pair never seemed to be in trou-

then their rate of scoring dropped and they aggregated just 109 for two in their allotted overs.

KKNH in reply were given a still better start with their openers covering up more than half the arrears. Smith, who scored 62, in particular, was very forceful with strokes all-round the wicket and hammered by Stewart who scored 28 runs.

But their vision of an early victory was foiled by Saeed and Hammad, who bowled well and conceded defeat with just two balls to go.

Earlier, KKNH made the grade with a comfortable victory over Petromin 'A' while the bankmen, beat 1395 by 13 runs. It was once again Salman with a fine 77, which was a repeat performance of last week, that made victory possible for the bankmen, though Balooch 44 and Morris 50 strived in vain for 1395.

At the prize distribution function held after the final the following prizes were awarded:

Champions: King Khaled National Guards Hospital; runners-up: Bank Al Jazirah; best batsman: Balooch of 1395; best batting performance: Salman of Bank Al Jazirah; best bowler: Aizaz of Pak Saudi; best bowling performance: Asif of JCC; best all-rounder: Assad of NGH; best wicket-keeper: Salim of Shalimar; best fielder: Nadim of Petromin; best partnership: Nasim, Shahbaz of Pak Saudi; special award: Habib Ambia of Avo for a maiden over; man of the final Hammad of Bank Al Jazirah.

ble against an ordinary Victorian attack.

It was only had luck that Gower was dismissed for 88 after 254 minutes at the crease in an innings which included 10 boundaries. The left hander made an identical score to his first innings and admitted after the match he was disappointed with himself. "I am not happy with the way I played. There were centuries to get in both my innings," he said.

Brief scores: England 275 and 268 for three (G. Fowler 31, C. Tavaré 35, D. Gower 88, A. Lamb batting 95; R. McCurdy 2 for 51) versus Victoria 295 (J. Wiener 49, G. Richardson 31, G. Yallop 69, J. Bright 36, R. Templeton 40; Pringle 4 for 66, Miller 3 for 35).



Glenn Hoddle... among the 22

England team

Peter Shilton (Southampton), Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Alvin Martin (West Ham), Tommy Caton (Manchester City), Danny Thomas (Coventry), Ricky Hill (Luton), Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham), Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Bryan Robson (Manchester United), Graham Rix (Arsenal), Steve Coppell (Manchester United), Mark Chamberlain (Stoke), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Tony Woodcock (Arsenal), Luther Blissett (Watford), Paul Goddard (West Ham), and Alan Devonshire (West Ham).

Spain makes clean sweep

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Dec. 6 (AP) — Manuel Pinero staggered to a two-over-par 72, but held off a late rally by Bob Gilder of the United States to give Spain a clean sweep of individual and team play in the 29th World Cup Golf tournament Sunday.

Pinero finished with a three-under-par 281 for four trips over the Palm-tree Laiden 6,860-yard, par 71 layout facing the sea. The 30-year-old winner of the 1982 European Open took a dramatic one-stroke victory over teammate Jose Canizares and Gilder. An erratic performance on the back nine gave Canizares a 73 on Sunday. Gilder, who had a three-under-par 68, missed a brilliant opportunity to force a sudden-death playoff when he failed to land a birdie putt on the 438-yard, par-four 18th hole. Pinero bogied the last hole and Canizares had a double bogey. Gilder's performance, along with the 70 of teammate Bobby Clampett, gave the tournament a thrilling finish.

Spain finished with a five-under-par 563. The Americans entered the final round 11 strokes behind Spain, but narrowed that to three in Sunday's play. Italy was third with 574.

Baldovino Dassu of Italy also threatened the Spaniards, but faded after a double bogey on the 395-yard, par-four 14th hole. He finished with a 71 that put him at 283.

Clampett, a last-minute replacement for Calvin Peete on the U.S. team, shot his second under-par round of the tournament, a 70, to finish alone at 284.

Four players were at 287, including Dan Halldorson, who led Canada to the team title two years ago in Bogota, Colombia. Halldorson closed with a 73, putting him in the same slot as Bernard Gallacher of Scotland, Sang Ho Choi of South Korea and Mark James of England. James had a final-round 71, Choi, a 73, and Gallacher, who used a three-wood to replace his broken driver, also a 73.

In Jeddah Tennis

Lockheed keeps top spot

BY Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — With the exception of Division One, the Jeddah Tennis League has reached its mid-season break.

Front runners for the Arab News Cup Lockheed continued their winning run with an easy 8-1 victory over Mobil 'B'. This win assures Ron Hull's team of the mid-season leadership and promotion to Division Three. New team SANG, proved to all that their early season wins were not strokes of luck, by finishing in the runners-up spot, only six points behind the leaders.

Weimer-Trachte, who have dominated the Abbott/Owen sponsored division all season, finished this session with an emphatic 8-1 win over closest rivals Italians. Jurgen Scheuer-mann's team in fact have only dropped a total of 11 games and their total of 73 points should serve as a warning to all Division Two teams in the New Year.

The Mobil 'A' team appeared to be running on 'regular' rather than 'super' on Saturday night as their 7-2 home defeat by Arabian Homes 'A' allows the latter into the promotion zone, behind leaders Juffali, IAL, having suffered six successive defeats almost made it a glorious final match in 1982 against the league leaders but Juffali eventually squeezed home 5-4.

Saudi Letco experienced their first defeat of the season in Division One against Riofinix/BRGM 'A'. A full strength Riofinix/BRGM team took advantage of Covary's absence from the Letco team and edged home 5-4.

Michelle Verociglio's team now away from the relegation zone into fifth position. Matches to note next week are Letco versus Irregulars and top placed Alireza's clash with third place Dunes 'A'.

Tennis fans are reminded of the Litton/Philippine Airlines Open tournament begin-

ning Jan. 20. Entries close on Jan. 6. Forms are available either from the league secretaries or the Philippine Airlines office Medina Road.

Results:

Division One: Ali Reza 10 Kaia 2; Dunes 'B' 8 Skanska 'A' 4; Riofinix/BRGM 8 Saudi Letco 4; Saudi Irregulars 3 Dunes 'A' 9.

Division Two: Raytheon 'A' 8 City Pie 4; Mobil 'A' 2 Arabian Homes 'A' 10; Juffali 8 IAL 4; Dowcett/NCI 4 Skanska 'B' 8.

Division Three: Bell Candad 4 Toyota 8; Italians 1 Weimer-Trachte 11; City Sonics 11 Gray Mackenzie 1; Raytheon 'B' 1 Riofinix BRGM 11.

Division Four: Petromin UOP 3 SANG 9; Mobil 'B' 1 Lockheed 11.

Fibak triumphs

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP) — Wojtek Fibak's effective counter-punching wore down American Bill Scanlon, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the finals of the \$300,000 WCT Chicago Open.

The 30-year-old Fibak, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, repeatedly scrambled to save points on Scanlon's blazing service and hit winners from the baseline off both sides to blunt the American's net attack.

Scanlon, unseeded in the tournament and ranked No. 35 on the WCT's ranking, gained only five aces on his service through the match, but repeatedly picked up service winners and effectively kept Fibak on the baseline with his flat, speedy service. But he had trouble trying to solve Fibak's spinning service and had success only in the second set, when he broke in the fourth, sixth and eighth games en route to the 2-6 win.

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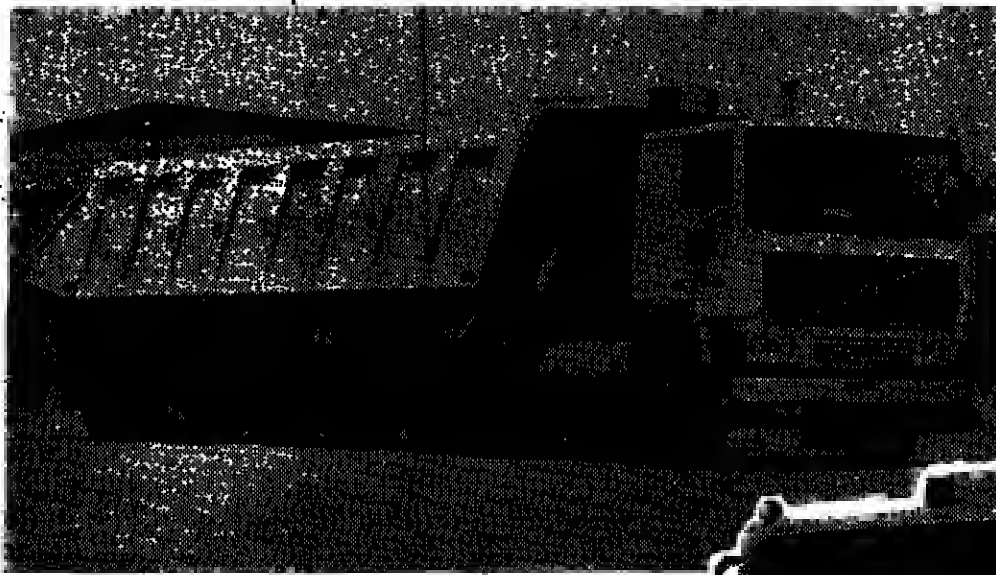
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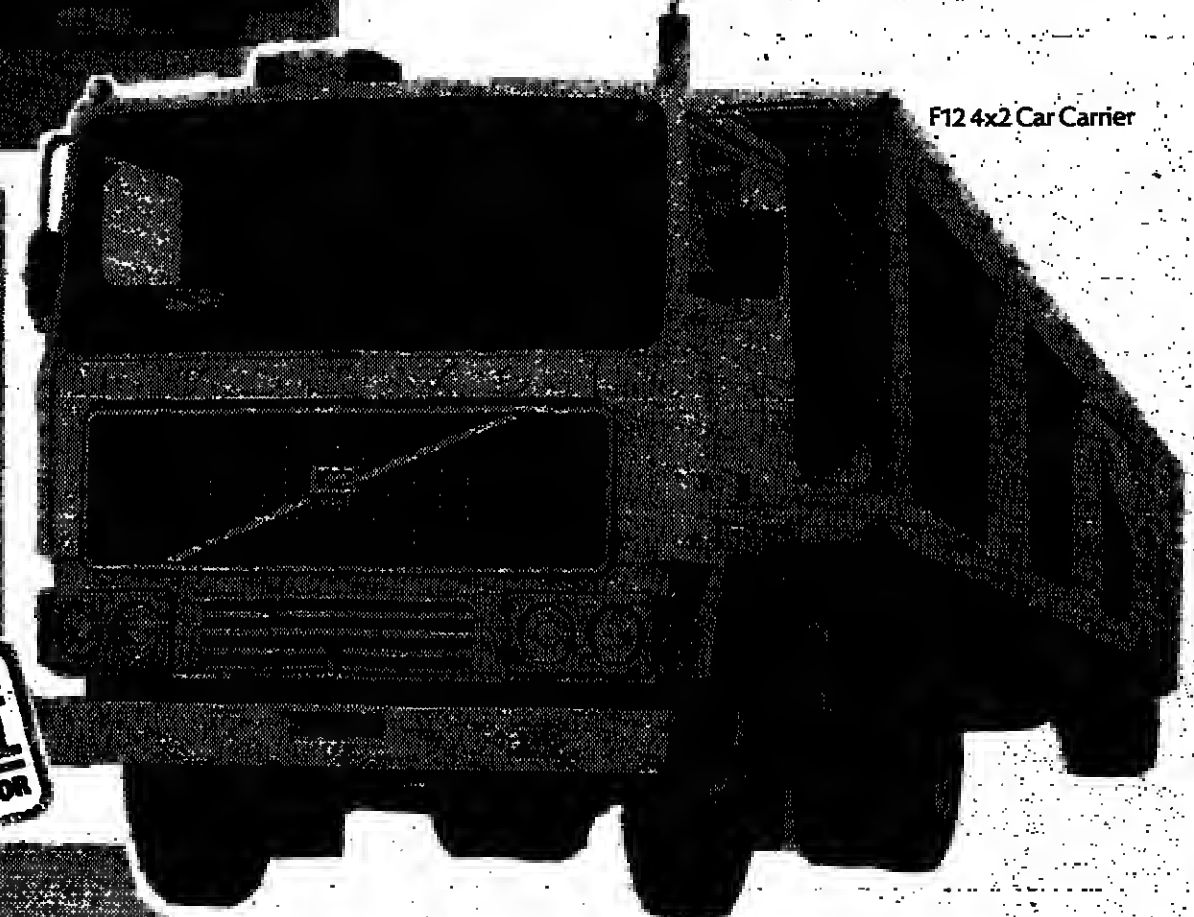


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White helps Cowboys inflict first NFL defeat on Redskins

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys handed the Washington Redskins their first loss of the National Football League season, 24-11, Sunday behind the passing of Danny White and a defense that snuffed out Joe Theismann's passing most of the day.

The victory was Dallas coach Tom Landry's 20th regular-season triumph.

White threw 8 yards to Ron Springs for a second-quarter touchdown, his passing paved the way to Timmy Newsome's 18-yard scoring sweep in the third period and his 21-yard run for a first down on a fake punt got the Cowboys out of deep trouble after Washington cut a 17-0 deficit to 17-10. After the fake punt, Springs sprinted 46 yards for the final touchdown with 1:52 to play.

The Dallas defense sacked Theismann seven times for 61 yards in losses and intercepted him three times. Washington was trying to remain the only unbeaten team in the NFL.

In other games Sunday, fullback William Andrews short pass into an 86-yard scoring play and Vick Luckhurst booted a pair of 51-yard field goals, rallying the Atlanta Falcons to a 34-27 victory over the Denver Broncos.

Marcus Allen, unproductive in the Los Angeles Raiders' only loss of the season last week, bounced back with 156 yards in 24 carries to lead them to a 28-23 victory over Seattle. Allen, held to no yards on eight carries against Cincinnati, scored on runs of 2 and 3 yards against the Seahawks. The Raiders took a 28-0 lead before Seattle bounced back with 16 points in the fourth quarter to make the game close.

In Baltimore, the Colts came close to winning their first game of the season. But Ken Anderson threw two touchdown passes to V.L. Harris as the Cincinnati Bengals rallied for a 20-17 victory, sending the Colts to their fifth consecutive loss. Cincinnati is 4-1.

Baltimore had led 10-6 at halftime before Anderson, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 184 yards, hit Harris with a 1-yard scoring pass to give the Bengals a 13-10 lead late in the third quarter. Anderson's 2-yard TD pass to Harris made it 20-10 early in the fourth period.

St. Louis' Stump Mitchell, filling in for the injured Otis Anderson, ran for a 32-yard touchdown and gained 145 yards, pacing the Cardinals to a 23-20 victory over the

Philadelphia Eagles. Mitchell had gained just 9 yards on six carries this season as the Cardinals played without Anderson for the first time in 32 games.

Rookie quarterback Jim McMahon passed for two touchdowns and ran for another score, highlighting the Chicago Bears' 26-13 win over New England despite a 99-yard interception return by Rick Sanford for the Patriots.

Quarterback Terry Bradshaw, who missed three quarters of Pittsburgh's loss to Seattle last week because of a shoulder injury, threw three first-half touchdown passes as the Steelers rolled to an early lead and beat the Kansas City Chiefs 37-14. John Stallworth caught scoring passes of 74 and 3 yards from Bradshaw, who completed 15 of 21 passes for 231 yards in three quarters.

Green Bay's Del Rodgers recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown and



Danny White... in top form

NFL at a glance

Green Bay	33	Buffalo	21
N.Y. Giants	17	Houston	14
Pittsburgh	35	Kansas City	14
Miami	22	Minnesota	14
Chicago	26	New England	13
St. Louis	23	Philadelphia	20
San Diego	30	Cleveland	13
Tampa Bay	13	New Orleans	10
Cincinnati	20	Baltimore	17
Dallas	34	Washington	10
Atlanta	24	Denver	27
L.S. Raiders	28	Seattle	23

Eddie Lee Ivey ran 1 yard for a touchdown, giving the Packers a 33-21 victory over the Buffalo Bills. Jan Stenerud booted four field goals for Green Bay, while Buffalo lost three fumbles and had two passes intercepted in the game, played in a driving rain in Milwaukee.

Rookie halfback Butch Woolfolk caught a 40-yard touchdown pass and scored on a 3-yard run — the first TDs of his career — rallying the New York Giants past the Houston Oilers 17-14. Houston had taken a 14-3 lead on touchdown passes by Gifford Nielsen and Archie Manning.

Andre Franklin rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown, sending the Miami Dolphins to a 23-14 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Franklin carried the ball 28 times for Miami, which got three field goals from Uwe Von Schamann.

Dan Fouts completed 13 of his first 16 passes, guiding the San Diego Chargers to a quick 27-3 lead and a 30-13 victory over the Cleveland Browns. Chuck Muncie and James Brooks each scored a pair of touchdowns of the Chargers, while Fouts completed 18 of 23 passes for 252 yards. Brian Sipe hit 33 of 48 passes — including a team-record 14 in a row.

In New Orleans, Doug Williams threw for 193 yards and a second-half touchdown, leading the Tampa Buccaneers to a 13-10 victory over the Saints. Tampa Bay safety Neal Colzie recovered two New Orleans fumbles deep in Buccaneer territory.

Meanwhile, the National Football League Players' Association has again postponed announcement of the vote by the 28 team representatives on the tentative contract agreement with management.

Union spokesman Jay Benoit said Sunday that the association has been unable to reach all of the player representatives, so the results of the non-binding vote will not be released until Monday at the earliest.

Player representatives are being polled to determine whether they will recommend ratification of the tentative settlement reached Nov. 16, that ended the 57-day strike. All 1,500 union members are scheduled to vote Wednesday on the proposed settlement, which the league says provides \$1.6 billion in total player costs over five years.

Polling had begun Friday, but the association had trouble contacting the players representatives who were in the road for Sunday's games.

NFL Standings

American Conference							National Conference						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	4	1	0	.800	117	92	Dallas	4	1	0	.800	121	76
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	111	85	Washington	4	1	0	.800	108	97
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	85	73	St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	94	102
New England	2	3	0	.400	80	98	N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	80	90
Baltimore	0	5	0	.000	50	125	Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	101	112
Central							Central						
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	116	80	Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	134	85
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	121	88	Detroit	2	2	0	.500	59	57
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	79	99	Chicago	2	3	0	.400	63	92
Houston	1	4	1	.200	74	118	Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	95	88
West							West						
L.A. Raiders	4	1	0	.800	134	109	Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	118	119
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	119	83	New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	77	71
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	84	82	San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	119	114
Denver	1	4	0	.200	84	125	L.A. Rams	1	4	0	.200	98	132
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	73	108							

To avenge defeat

76ers wriggle past Lakers

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP) — The last time the Philadelphia 76ers were in Los Angeles, they lost the final game of the 1982 championship series to the Lakers. This time, the 76ers came back with some more ammunition.

Moses Malone had 29 points and 14 rebounds and held Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to 15 points and two rebounds as the 76ers defeated the defending National Basketball Association champions 114-104 Sunday night, snapping the Lakers' eight-game winning streak.

Julius Erving, who added 23 points and 14 rebounds to the Philadelphia attack, was asked Malone's worth to 76ers, and he replied, "Malone's worth is about \$13.2 million for six years," which is precisely the contract that the 6-foot-10 center signed with the team before this season.

"Moses gives them what they are looking for," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "When their outside shooting fails, he's there in the middle to take over."

In other NBA games, New Jersey beat Milwaukee 108-103. Kansas City edged Seattle 106-101. Golden State defeated Utah 119-111.

Jamaal Wilkes scored 22 points to lead Los Angeles, while Bob McAdoo added 21. Andrew Toney scored 21 points for the 76ers to give them three players above the 20-mark. Philadelphia is now the winningest team in the NBA with a 16-3 record, while the Lakers fell to 15-4.

How they stand

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	16	3	.842	—	Kansas City	10	6	.625	—
Boston	15	4	.789	1	San Antonio	9	8	.571	1/2
New Jersey	11	9	.550	5 1/2	Dallas	9	9	.500	2
Washington	9	9	.500	6 1/2	Denver	8	10	.444	3
New York	5	13	.278	10 1/2	Utah	6	12	.333	5
Central Division					Pacific Division				
Milwaukee	13	7	.650	—	Seattle	15	3	.833	—
Detroit	12	7	.632	1/2	Los Angeles	15	4	.789	1/2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3 1/2	Phoenix	11	8	.579	4 1/2
Indiana	7	12	.368	5 1/2	Portland	9	11	.450	7
Chicago	6	13	.286	6 1/2	Golden State	7	12	.368	8 1/2
Cleveland	3	15	.167	9	San Diego	4	15	.211	11 1/2

Rota crosses 200-goal mark

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP) — Darcy Rota scored two goals, including the 200th of his National Hockey League career, and Curt Fraser broke a 17-game scoring drought as the Vancouver Canucks defeated the St. Louis Blues 6-3 Sunday night.

In other games Wayne Gretzky scored one goal and set up four others, giving him at least one point in 29 consecutive games, his 22nd NHL individual scoring record, to spark the Edmonton Oilers to a 7-3 victory over Los Angeles Kings.

Anders Hedberg scored two goals, including the game-winner late in the third period as the New York Rangers beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-5.

Barry Pederson scored three goals for his second hat-trick within 24 hours to lead the Boston Bruins to a 6-4 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Chicago's Al Secord scored his league-leading 23rd NHL goal to give the Blackhawks a 3-3 tie with the Buffalo Sabres.

Positions

Wales Conference						
Patrick Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
N.Y. Isles	15	11	5	111	97	35
Philadelphia	14	10	4	108	90	32
N.Y. Rangers	14	12	1	113	108	28
Washington	10	9	6	90	93	26
Pittsburgh	8	14	5	90	123	21
New Jersey	6	17	7	86	126	19
Adams Division						
Montreal	16	5	6	126	89	38
Boston	15	7	6	106	82	36
Buffalo	9	6	11	84	96	26
Quebec	13	10	3	112	117	29
Hartford	6	16	3	82	120	15
Campbell Conference						
Norris Division						
Chicago	17	4	6	114	85	40
Minnesota	17	8	4	127	102	38
St. Louis	9	17	3	98	117	21
Houston	15	14	5	83	107	15
Detroit	4	17	6	73	119	14
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	13	10	6	140	125	32
Los Angeles	13	10	3	97	94	29
Vancouver	10	12	6	104	98	26
Calgary	10	15	5	120	124	25
Winnipeg	11	11	2	108	104	24

Zambian is champion

LUSAKA, Zambia, Dec. 6 (AP) — Zambian Lottie Mwale knocked out Zimbabwe's Kid Power in the 13th round Sunday night and retained the Africa Boxing Union light heavyweight title.

Power was staggered by a right to the head, fell out of the ring and failed to climb back in before referee Ray Brennan counted him out at 1 minute, 49 seconds. Mwale, making his third title defense, dominated the bout before 12,000 spectators.

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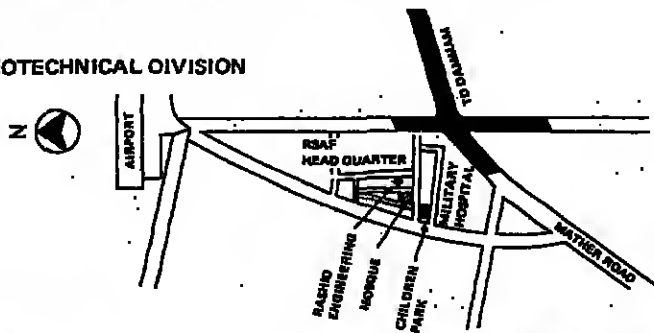
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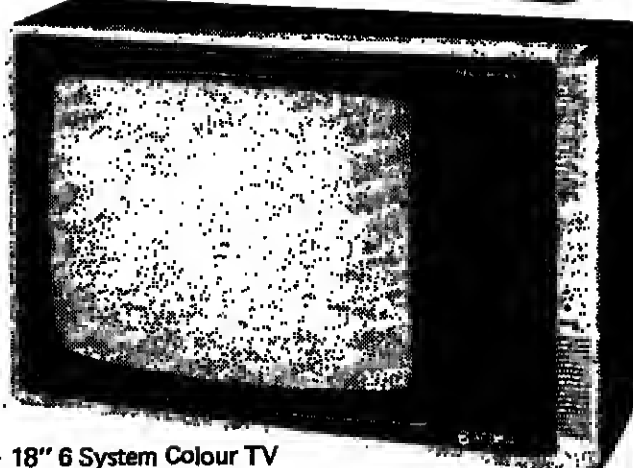
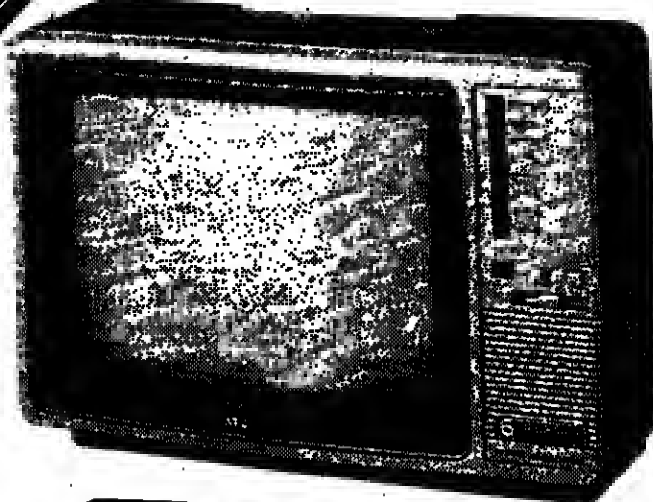
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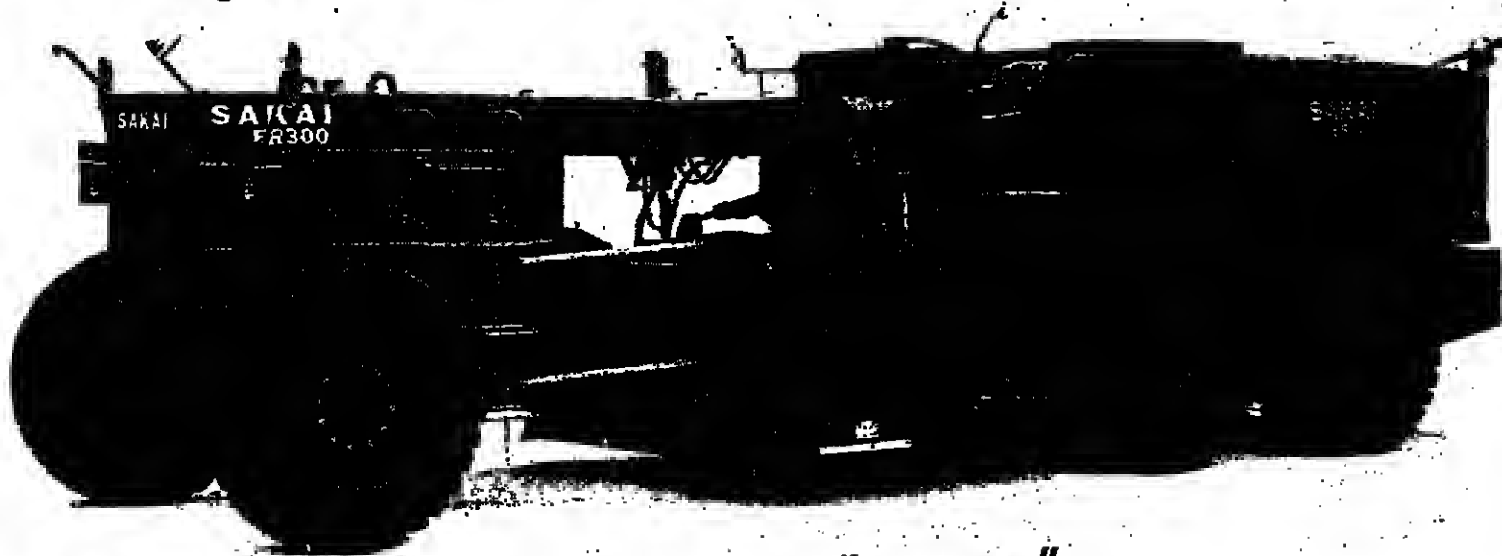
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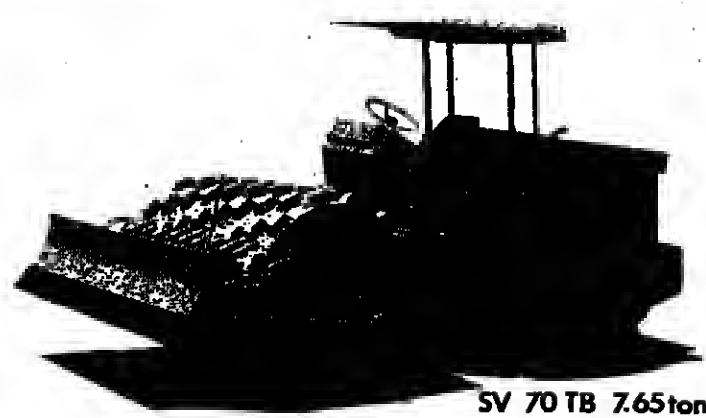
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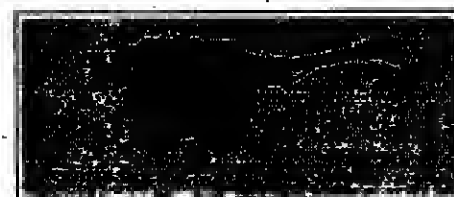
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To get economy moving

Andropov tinkers with system

MOSCOW, Dec. 6 (AP) — The Kremlin's new boss, Yuri V. Andropov, says he doesn't have "ready recipes" to revive the Soviet economy. But he seems ready to try some new approaches.

Andropov inherited a nearly stagnant economy when he succeeded the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as Communist Party general secretary on Nov. 12.

Soviet industrial growth was 2.8 percent this year, the smallest reported increase since World War II. State farmers harvested the fourth consecutive poor grain crop, meaning more grain imports from the West.

Soviet planners blame much of the problem on transportation bottlenecks which delay raw materials and finished products, and hoarding by factory managers. High employee turnover, low morale and poor labor productivity are other major problems.

Andropov slammed inefficient managers in a Nov. 22 speech to the central committee and said bad supervisors and slovenly workers could not be tolerated. He ordered farm and factory managers to "speed up work" and encourage their employees to use "initiative and enterprise" to improve output.

In a barbed reference to catchwords that have done little to improve efficiency in the past, he said "you cannot get things moving by slogans alone."

Judging by his speech to the policy-making central committee, Andropov would like to move rapidly toward economic reforms. On Nov. 29, following Andropov's harsh attack on deteriorating rail service, Railway Minister Ivan G. Pavlovsky lost his job.

The "time seems to have come," the 68-year-old party leader said, to "extend the independence" of state-owned enterprises

and farms and provide new "material incentives" to encourage efficiency.

Western analysts in Moscow said such reforms could involve giving managers the right to dismiss inefficient workers or dock their pay, or guaranteeing high-quality consumer goods to reward the work force.

Either step could be difficult to accomplish, however. The Soviet economy is mapped out in five-year blocks with specific targets for industry and agriculture. Production priorities and raw materials were allocated two years ago under the current plan, which runs through 1985.

In addition, any diversion of raw materials and technology from the military sector — Western analysts say about 14 percent of the gross national product goes for defense — to consumer goods could be opposed by the powerful armed forces establishment, whose support is crucial for Andropov.

Also, the mere production of machinery to reduce manual labor is no guarantee of greater efficiency unless its quality is good. The Moscow newspaper *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* "socialist industry" recently reported, for example, that the Rostov Agricultural Machinery Works alone turned out twice as many combines as all U.S. companies annually. Yet, it said, the Soviet machines have broken down within nine hours after delivery, despite specifications calling for 300 hours of continuous operation.

The state-run media are stressing the need to improve worker discipline and stop waste to increase output. Ninety percent of economic growth in 1981-85 is slated to come from increased labor productivity.

But Soviet commentators regularly deny low productivity. By official statistics, productivity increased 2 percent this year, well off the target of 3.5 percent. Agriculture probably lends itself to tinkering more than any other sector, Western analysts say.

Muslim states urged to form common mart

KARACHI, Dec. 6 (AP) — The world's Muslim countries should form an Islamic common market, Iran's commerce minister says.

The minister, Habibollah Askar Quladi, said at a dinner Sunday that the concept could materialize soon if other Muslim nations "join hands with Pakistan and Iran."

On Friday, the minister said Iran has decided to trade with Muslim and Third World countries, rather than Western nations.

Hamid D. Habib, Pakistan's presidential adviser on foreign trade, said Iran's decision to give preferential treatment in its trade to Muslim nations could be the foundation for the Islamic common market.

Habib said banking and commercial ties between Iran and Pakistan have seen tremendous progress since the April signing of a long-term trade agreement.

He said Iran and Pakistan now are discussing an agreement to permit trucking goods between the two neighboring countries — a move that would cut transportation costs and consumer prices.

Kuwait to give Burundi \$ 3m

KUWAIT, Dec. 6 (R) — Kuwait will provide one million dinars (about \$3 million) toward the financing of agricultural projects in Burundi under an agreement signed here, the official Kuwait news agency said Monday.

It did not say whether the amount was a loan or a grant but said it also agreed to finance other projects in the industry, power and banking sectors in Burundi.

The agreements were reached during an official visit by President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza of Burundi to Kuwait.

Devastated by war

Lebanon begins rebuilding

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (AP) — The streets of the city echo with the sound of hammering and the grinding of cement mixers. Trucks full of lumber and concrete blocks snarl traffic into huge knots.

The people of Lebanon are starting to rebuild their country for what they hope is the last time — the fourth such beginning in seven years.

All over the crowded capital, panes of new glass smeared with putty and price stickers are magically appearing. With the rubble and broken glass cleared away, shell holes filled and a coat of new paint, neighborhoods that appeared devastated and unlivable during this summer's war proved to have suffered surprisingly little damage.

Deep and unrepairable destruction can be seen only in a few areas — the former Palestinian camps in the southern suburbs, and the 100-meter wide former "green line" that separated east and west Beirut for eight years.

For small businessmen, shop and restaurant owners, the release of a flood money kept tucked away by the Lebanese during the war years has put the reconstruction in full swing. For the government and industry, however, it has barely begun, and massive problems must be overcome before any real progress can be made.

Immediate and critical relief efforts have almost ended. The tens of thousands left homeless have at least temporary shelter. Water and electricity have been restored to most areas. Efforts now have shifted to repairing the billions of dollars in physical devastation, and the incalculable harm done in almost a decade of strife to Lebanon's social and economic infrastructure.

Preliminary estimates of the physical damage done by last summer's Israeli invasion alone range from \$1.9 billion cited by the government's Council for Development and Reconstruction, with the warning that

"underestimation of the true cost is inevitable," up to \$4 billion claimed by the private, Beirut-based "Middle East Economic Consultants' organization."

When damage from the 1975-76 Civil War and the several rounds of fighting since is included, the development council estimates it will take \$24 billion to put the country back on its feet — half from private investment and half from government spending and foreign aid.

Eighty-five percent of the schools south of Beirut were badly damaged or destroyed last summer, according to Muhammad Atallah, who heads the council. More than 1,000 homes in the south were destroyed, and 25 percent of the buildings in Beirut damaged, he said in an interview.

One Western embassy reported that Lebanon's industry is at a complete halt. "They lost their plants, their markets and their labor force," it reported. In the mostly agricultural south, equipment was lost, or destroyed and what crops could be harvested couldn't be sent to market.

Australia, N. Zealand to strengthen ties

CANBERRA, Dec. 6 (R) — A new pact to forge closer trade links between Australia and New Zealand will be signed simultaneously in Canberra and Wellington on Dec. 14, a government official said Monday.

A television link across the Tasman Sea will allow New Zealand Premier Robert Muldoon and Australia's acting Prime Minister Doug Anthony to sign agreement in their own parliament buildings.

The agreement on closer economic relations comes into force Jan. 1. It has taken about two years to negotiate and will eventually create a small common market through the removal of all trade barriers across the Tasman by 1995.

Foreign trade rise set at 5%

MOSCOW, Dec. 6 (R) — Soviet foreign trade will expand by less than five percent in 1982, one of the lowest growth rates since World War II, according to a report Monday by Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev.

Writing in the Communist Party daily *Pravda*, Patolichev said Moscow expected this year's trade volume to reach about 115 billion roubles (\$157 billion) compared with 109.7 billion roubles (\$149.8 billion) in 1981.

This would mean a growth rate of only 4.8 percent this year, which compares badly with the 17 percent expansion registered in 1981.

Patolichev said trade had expanded by 9.7 percent in the first nine months of this year, indicating there had been a major slowdown in the past two months.

Economic analysts said the fact that the annual growth rate would be only half the level registered from the first nine months meant the trade volume in the last quarter of 1982 would be below last year's levels.

Patolichev offered no reasons for the trade slowdown. But he said Western sanctions following the declaration of martial law in Poland last December had hampered business between Moscow and the West.

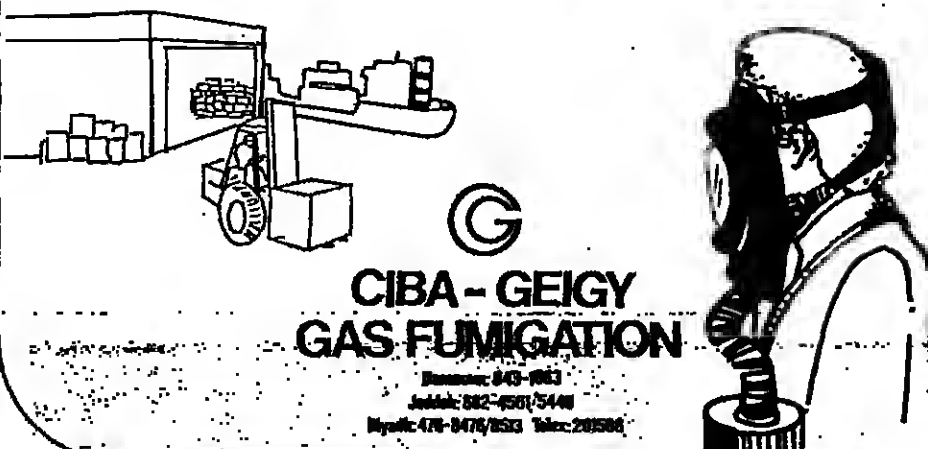
Western experts said the most likely reason for the decline was a drop in Soviet oil sales on Western spot markets and a decline in gold and diamond exports compared with 1981.

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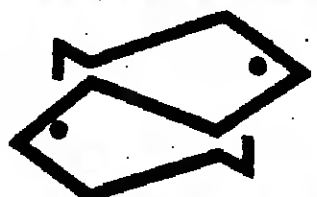
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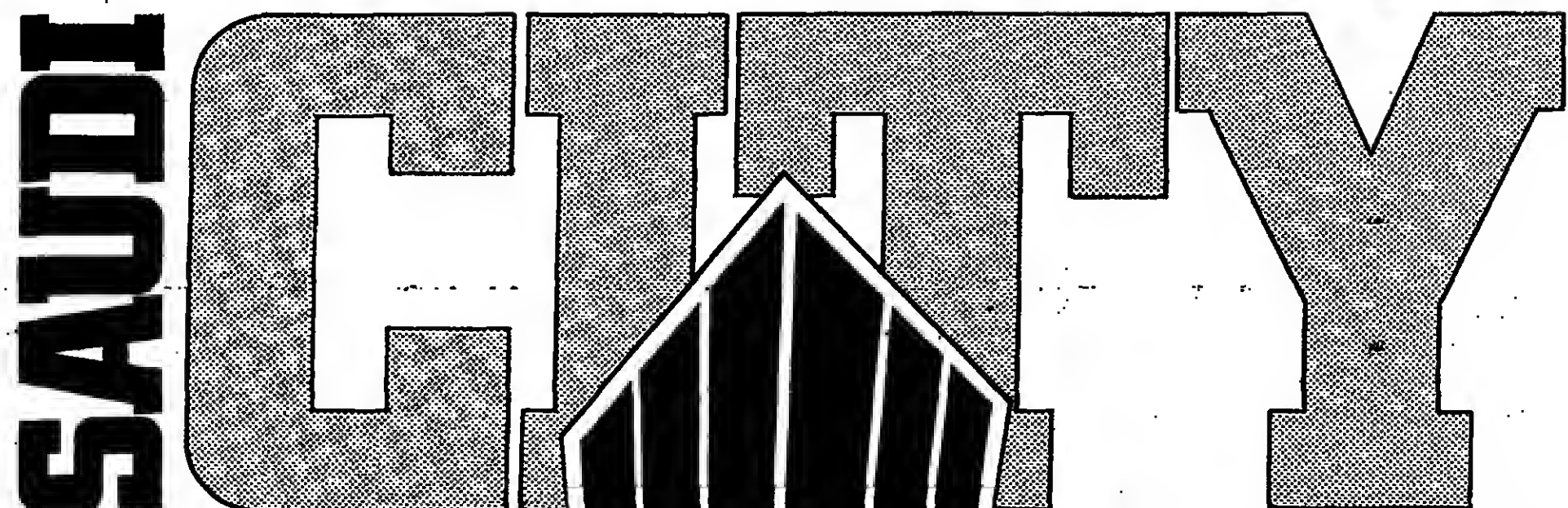
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Covering aid, trade

Reagan stands firm on Caribbean plan

MIAMI, Dec. 6 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan will do "everything in its power" in the next two weeks to get the lame-duck Congress to approve the Caribbean Basin Initiative, but "obstacles still remain," Vice President George Bush admitted Sunday night.

Bush said that although the Reagan administration will push for approval of trade agreements and financial aid, "time is short and may run out." "In the event we are not successful and time runs out in this short special session, we'll be coming back to the new Congress next year to get this legislation through," he said in a remarks prepared for the conference.

Bush attended the opening of the sixth annual conference on Caribbean trade, investment and development where the initiative announced by President Reagan in February is expected to be the main issue of concern for the 700 business and government leaders assembled at a downtown hotel.

The CBI is supposed to bolster the ailing economies of the region and encourage Caribbean nations to follow the free-enterprise course of the United States. It would also help curb illegal alien and drug smuggling, Bush said Sunday.

The plan's centerpiece proposes allowing duty-free entry of most Caribbean products

for 12 years and tax incentives to encourage U.S. investment in the Caribbean Basin.

Though the Reagan administration and Caribbean leaders had hoped it would be approved by Sunday's session, the measure is languishing in the House Ways and Means Committee with little hope of being passed before the scheduled Dec. 15 close of the session. Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski has said, "I doubt very much whether we will consider the initiative."

Only one section of the bill — \$350 million in one-time emergency aid for the most financially strapped countries — has been passed.

Bush said his speech should be taken as a "message to Congress." "When we look at Cuba, and what is happening in Nicaragua and Grenada, what do we see? We see economically weak, militarized repressive countries... like Cuba that cost their Soviet sponsors \$9 million per day," Bush said.

"We hope that our efforts to encourage stable, prosperous economies in the Caribbean region through the CBI may dampen the economic incentives for the production and export of narcotics to the United States, and may encourage greater cooperation in fighting drug traffic." Finally, the United States has an interest in alleviating large-scale migration in the Caribbean region.

Resolve food crisis-- Marcos

MANILA, Dec. 6 (AP) — Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos urged an international conference of food scientists Monday to seek solutions to the world food crisis but said "ivory tower" scientific breakthroughs must be relevant to the farmer tilling the fields.

Marcos said that Asia, faced with malnutrition and hunger, "stands as a stark reproach to the inadequacy of our present efforts to feed the impoverished millions" in the world.

The president delivered the keynote address at the opening session of the five-day international conference on chemistry and world food supplies attended by about 500 chemists, agricultural scientists and food technologists from 41 countries.

The conference is to discuss scientific

Strike paralyzes most of Argentina

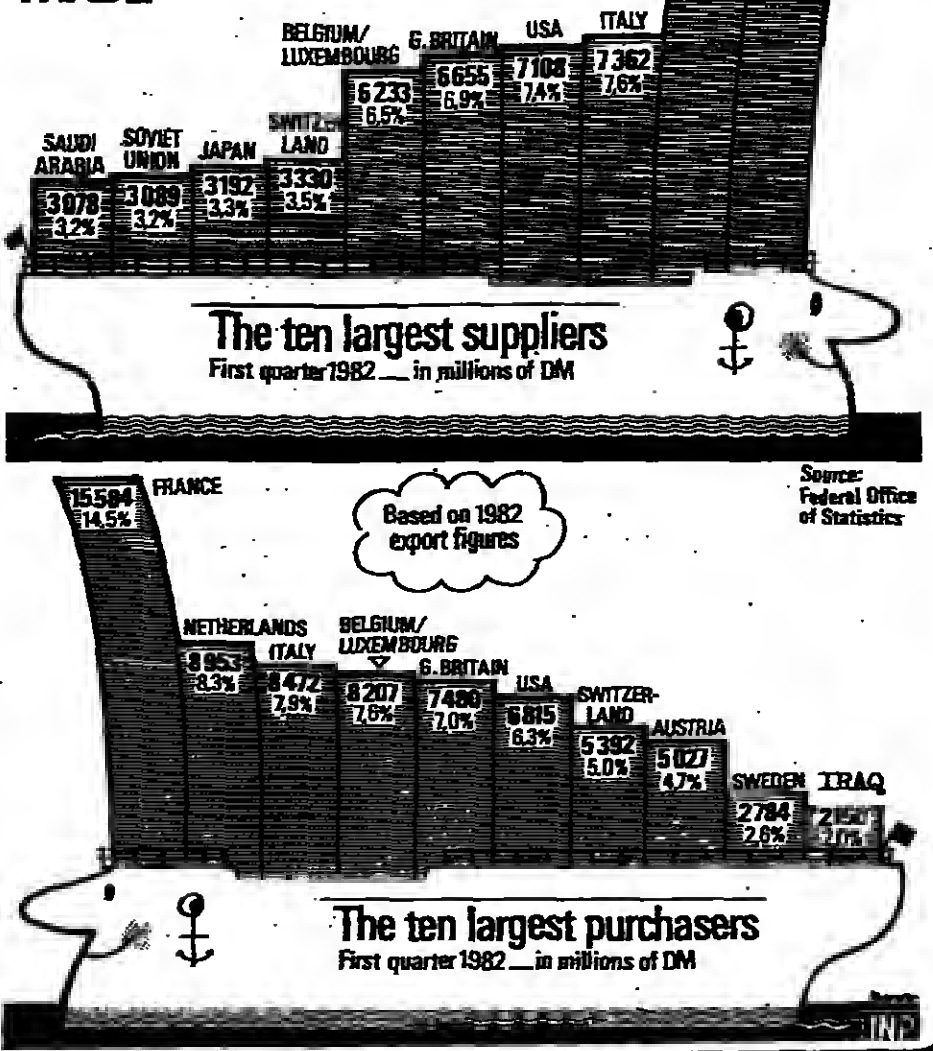
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6 (AP) — A nationwide general strike paralyzed most of Argentina Monday as workers protested against military government economic and social policy, including curtailment of union activities.

The 24-hour walkout, supported by both factions of the peronist-dominated General Confederation of Labor (CGT) and independent unions, began at midnight and sought wage hikes, aid for unemployed and the removal of government overseers in union organizations.

Industry, most commerce, transportation and public administration were killed in Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Rosario, Santa Fe, La Plata and Mendoza, in the interior of the nation of 28 million people.

There were no immediate reports of strike-connected violence. Federal police provided reinforced security for railroad and bus stations in the capital, where an expected jam of frustrated commuters failed to materialize. Provincial police forces were placed on alert and leaves were canceled.

AN ANALYSIS OF GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE



As unemployment grows

Europe policy linked to jobs

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6 (AP) — European leaders, shaken by the worst unemployment crisis since the 1930s, are basing more and more key foreign policy decisions on how jobs will be affected.

From poverty pockets in southern Italy to now-silent steel mills in England, unemployment in the 10 European Common Market countries has hit a record 10.3 percent. "It's a savage economic climate," an aide to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said.

The job issue has added importance to next week's scheduled consultations between Common Market foreign ministers and Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who is making his first visit to Europe since taking office this summer.

The trip has been billed as an attempt to still the voices calling for international trade protectionism at a time when exporting industries like steel are collapsing on both sides of the Atlantic.

The importance given by European leaders to solving their unemployment problems

became evident last week at a Brussels meeting of Western defense ministers and at a weekend summit of Mrs. Thatcher, French President Francois Mitterrand and eight other European heads of state in Copenhagen.

Burying ideological arguments between conservative and socialist governments, the summit endorsed a three-part job creation strategy the Common Market secretary had been trying to push through for months.

The new plan quadrupled to \$3.6 billion a job-creating loan fund, ordered a speedup in plans to create jobs for young people and to improve the European high technology industry.

The meeting set a three-month deadline for work on the proposals, a drastic deadline by standards of the Common Market, whose fiercely independent members often take years to reach agreements on minor issues.

Despite Reagan administration calls for new rules to expand the world's free-market system, the summit decided that European workers must be better protected against the loss of jobs caused by foreign imports.

Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The American dollar opened weaker Monday, but sterling fell back after Friday's firm closing against the dollar. Eurodollar deposit rates were generally mixed and eased by about 1/8 percent by close of business, but most dealers still expected that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board would cut its discount rate sometime this week. The recently released U.S. money supply figures hardly affected the markets, with dealers now more concerned about short and medium term economic factors.

In the bullion markets, both gold and silver prices remained stable with silver in fact rising over Friday closing levels. Gold prices traded around \$442 an ounce, with little change over Friday prices. Silver prices rose to \$10.39 before profit-taking pushed the rate down to \$10.35 an ounce. Dealers feel that both gold and silver prices have crossed the psychological barriers of \$440 and \$10 respectively. Whether gold could go over the \$450 is still debatable, since some selling resistance was not at just under the \$450 level over the weekend.

The local markets were more active Monday but silver deposit rates were still under pressure with the one-week rate falling to 8 percent level from 8 1/4 percent opening levels, while the one-month JIBOR was quoted at 8 3/4-8 1/2 percent compared to 8 1/2-9 percent level on opening. Trading was thin and dealers preferred to concentrate in the shorter periods, especially in the over-

night market until the general interest rate trend is clarified when the New York markets re-open Monday night. With such reluctance to deal in the short fixed dates, the longer dated funds were also pretty inactive and were quoted at 9 1/2-10 percent levels for the one-year deposit.

On the exchange markets spot rial/dollar prices traded around 3.4395-02 levels on opening but some commercial demand pushed the rate up to 3.4404-09 levels. Trading volumes were still not all that significant.

On the European exchanges, the British pound fell to 1.6385 levels from 1.6410 levels with some moderate British central bank support coming in late in the afternoon at the 1.6350 levels. The German mark was fairly stable at 2.4100 level — a sharp rise over the 2.4260 levels on Friday, while the French franc rose to 6.8430 from 6.8690 earlier Monday.

The dollar retreated also against the Swiss franc which fell to 2.0630 (from 2.0890 levels), and the Japanese yen which rose to 245.00 from 247.80 level Friday. Dealing was generally nervous with the markets still uncommitted on seeing the dollar fall down further in great strength.

LONDON (AP) — Closing prices (in U.S. dollar per tray ounce):

London	443.125
Paris	440.87
Frankfurt	444.87
Zurich	445.25
Hong Kong	439.27

BRIEFS

BONN. (AFP) — Industrial output in West Germany fell one percent in October after September's three percent drop, the economy ministry said in its seasonally-adjusted figures. Unadjusted figures showed a 2.1 percent rise on September, but output was 4.8 percent down on October last year.

PARIS (AFP) — France's international agro food trade balance should end this year with a 19 billion franc (\$2.7 billion) surplus, the government has announced. It said that the January-October surplus was 15.8 billion francs (\$2.2 billion) — but about a third less than last year because of poor sugar prices and bigger deficits than usual for coffee, fish, tobacco, soya, and flowers. France aims to step up exports 30 percent by 1985.

LONDON (AFP) — Sir Freddie Laker, whose cut-price airline recently went out of business, was refused membership of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) for his new tour company Sir Freddie Laker Limited. This means he is deprived of the services of some 5,000 ABTA agencies selling tickets. He has two weeks to appeal the decision. Sir Freddie has approval for his firm, which plans trips in Europe and to the U.S., from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), an official body.

ROME (AFP) — Sidereport of Italy has obtained a \$200 million order from Soviet Promisyoimport for large diameter pipes to be used on the Siberia-West Europe gas pipeline, industrial sources have said. Talks have, meanwhile, been held on cooperation in agro-foods and on the scope for large-scale machine-tool exports by Italy to the USSR.

BONN. (AFP) — Electronics giant Grundig plans to sack 120 people at its two Bayreuth plants by March 31, union officials have said. The state-owned French Thomson-Brandt intends to take a 75 percent share in Grundig. Union chiefs say they believe Thomson-Brandt means to carry out redundancies at Grundig.

NEW YORK (AFP) — Shareholders of the forestry products group Diamond International approved the takeover of the organization by British magnate Sir James Goldsmith. He has 41 percent already and will acquire the rest for \$365 million. Diamond International recently sold off several divisions making boxes and matches.

ABU DHABI, (WAM) — The UAE-Japan joint economic commission held its second meeting at the foreign ministry headquarters here Monday. The UAE delegation was headed by Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, undersecretary at the foreign ministry, while the Japanese side was headed by Japanese Ambassador to the UAE Noboru Nakagawa. Jarwan stressed the importance of promoting bilateral relations at the cultural and economic levels with Japan.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 2:00 p.m. Monday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)		71.85
Canadian Dollar		27.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.50	142.45
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.50	129.35
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.60	50.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)		49.17
Indian Rupee (100)		35.54
Iranian Rial (100)		
Iraqi Dinar	6.25	26.65
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.75	24.15
Japanese Yen (1,000)		9.66
Jordanian Dinar	9.68	9.66
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.87	11.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	86.60	86.45
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63	54.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	29.12
Philippine Peso (100)		39.25
Romanian Leu (100)	5.64	5.62
Qatari Rial (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		129.30
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	27.20
Swiss Franc (100)	167.25	167.00
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
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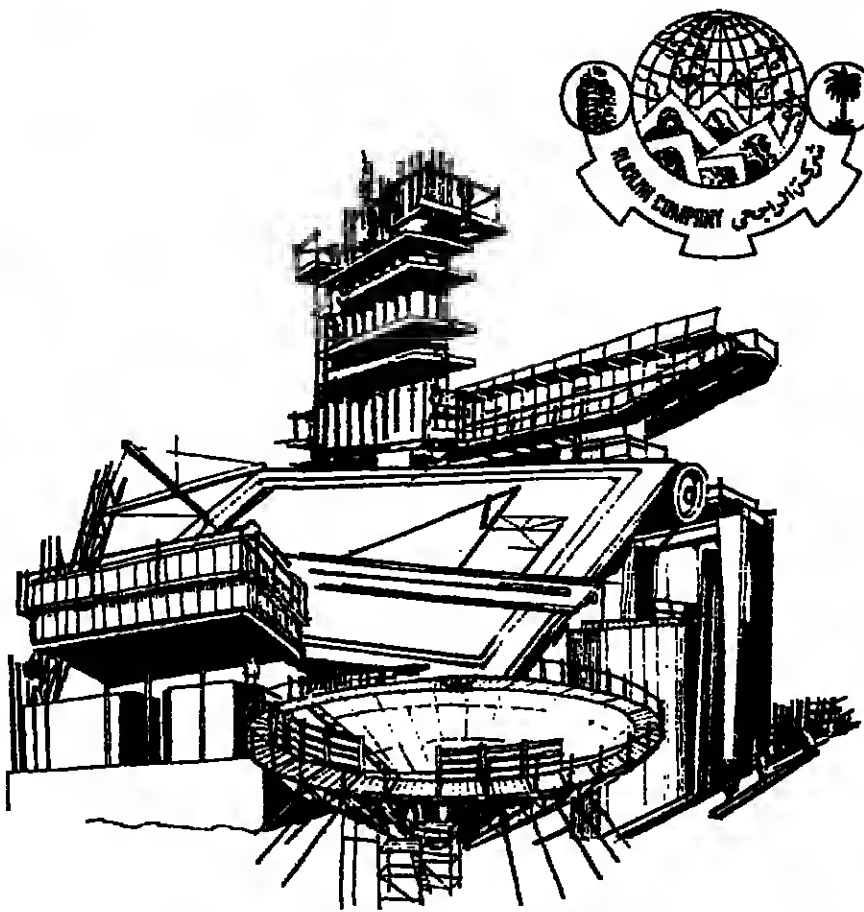
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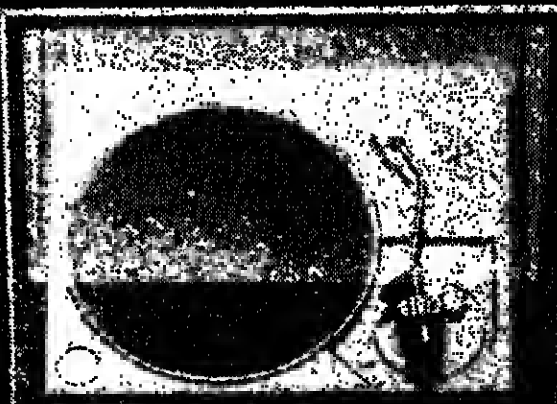
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Planned IRA visit sparks London storm

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP) — A storm of protests was blowing up Monday over next week's planned visit to London of two leaders of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).
Reminding IRA bombings in London earlier this year and the killings of British troops in Northern Ireland, newspapers described

Thieves empty 200 bank boxes

ROME, Dec. 6 (AP) — Thieves apparently using false keys to get into a downtown bank emptied more than 200 safe-deposit boxes Sunday night, making off with billions of lire (millions of dollars) in jewels and other valuables, police reported.

Investigators said the thieves entered the headquarters of the Banca del Cimino on Via Tomacelli through two reinforced doors but neither showed any sign of being forced.
Police rushed to the scene when the bank's burglar alarm registered out-of-order at police headquarters, apparently because the gang tried to silence it. But by the time police got there, the burglars had fled.

Bank officials were interviewing depositors to get an exact accounting of the loot, but police said they were sure it would run into billions of lire.

62 Indonesians die of starvation

JAKARTA, Dec. 6 (AP) — At least 62 persons have died from starvation in the last 10 days in the easternmost province of Irian Jaya, bringing the region's starvation death toll since July to 182, a newspaper reported Monday.

The afternoon daily *Sinar Harapan* said another 18,000 persons are reported starving due to a prolonged drought in the province, formerly known as Dutch West Papua.

The newspaper quoted Albert Dien, the head of Jayawijaya agency, as saying that drought has persisted since July in many regions of this remote, mountainous district in Irian Jaya, about 3,500 kilometers east of here.

Earlier reports said 119 persons had died and more than 4,000 others were suffering from malnutrition in the area.

He said the stricken regions need 180 tons of rice, but only 70 tons have been delivered from the seat of the provincial government 300 kilometers away. Rescue workers are said to be able to reach only four of the hardest hit enclaves by helicopter, which has hampered the delivery of food and medicine.

the visit as an "insult to the memory of IRA victims" and an "outrage".

Sinn Fein deputy leader Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison, the movement's publicity manager, have been invited by 26 members of the Labor-left dominated Greater London Council, headed by its leader Ken Livingstone. Both were elected last Oct. 20 to the newly constituted Northern Ireland Assembly but like other Catholics have refused to take up their seats.

According to a GLC member who signed the invitation, their visit is designed to achieve a "better understanding" of the Ulster conflict. Another member said Londoners had an interest in the conflict because as long as it lasted they risked becoming the targets for IRA bombings. During their visit, Adams and Morrison will have talks with their GLC hosts and with labor MPs at the House of Commons. They are also scheduled to hold a press conference.

One of the organizers of the visit, Steve Bundred, vice chairman of the GLC's police committee, said: "These people are elected representatives. You cannot encourage people to take part in legitimate political activity and then refuse to talk to them".

Meanwhile, with the memory of the eleven British soldiers killed in two bomb attacks by the IRA here on July 20 still fresh, Conservative MPs have called the visit due to start on Dec. 14, "disgraceful" and "grotesque". The *Sun* newspaper bluntly described the invitation as the "height of indecency" and GLC Chairman Livingstone as "the most odious man in Britain".

In Belfast, the IRA encouraged, by its unexpected provincial election success on Oct. 20 when its candidates polled 30 percent of the Catholic vote, was attaching great importance to the visit. Tory MPs and Ulster Protestants fear the visit, which will give the IRA a public platform in the British capital to justify its action, will confer a form of official recognition on the movement.

Several MPs have called on the Home Office (interior ministry) to ban the visit. But the Home Office has pointed out that being Northern Ireland citizens, Adams and Morrison have British nationality and are free to travel where they wish in Britain. A Home Office spokesman said it was up to the police to arrest these men for questioning if it considered this necessary.

The police could invoke anti-terrorism legislation which allows arrest and detention of suspects for seven days without charges. IRA members have in the past declined several invitations to visit Britain for fear they would be arrested on arrival. Observers said however that to arrest the Sinn Fein leaders could increase the impact of their visit.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw is a personal acquaintance of Gerry Adams. Tens years ago when Whitelaw was Northern Ireland secretary, he had Adams released from a Belfast internment camp and brought to London to discuss possibilities for a truce with the IRA.



SMASHED COTTAGE: High waves during Hurricane Fie's pass over the Island of Kamei on Nov. 23 destroyed this beachfront cottage along with 170 other units of the Sheraton Kamei Hotel in Piepa, leaving only 230 rooms available when the hotel opens for business, possibly by Jan. 1.

Boost to Brazil ties

Reagan trip has mixed bag of results

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (R) — President Ronald Reagan ended his 15,000-mile tour of Latin America with a mixed bag of results, ranging from improved relations with Brazil to unusually frank criticism of his policies by Colombia.

The trip, which ended Saturday night, was a valuable lesson for Reagan about political and economic turmoil in the region, especially in Central America, administration officials said. It clearly demonstrated the problems of strengthening U.S. relations with countries holding a diversity of views on how to overcome economic stagnation and leftist insurgencies.

Reagan said repeatedly during his five-day journey to four countries that he had no magic wand but had come to listen and learn. On human rights, a preoccupation of his predecessor Jimmy Carter, Reagan called for an

end to abuses in Central America but at the same time strongly supported the leaders of two governments alleged to be among the worst offenders.

Only a few weeks after U.S. Ambassador Deane Hinton criticized El Salvador's record on human rights, Reagan said the country now was making great progress in this regard. He said that as a result he planned to ask Congress in January to continue military aid to El Salvador for its campaign against leftist insurgents.

At the end of his tour aimed at promoting democracy in Latin America, he warmly praised Guatemalan President Efraim Rios Montt, a general who came to power after a military coup in March. Reagan, who met Gen. Rios Montt in Honduras, described the Guatemalan leader as a man of great personal integrity.

Amnesty International, the worldwide human rights group, said in a report in October that Gen. Rios Montt's government had permitted the massacre of thousands of peasants during counterinsurgency operations.

President Reagan had three main goals when he decided to visit Latin America. These were:

To promote democracy and the anti-Communist crusade he launched in a speech to British Parliament in June.

To "revitalize" the inter-American system following condemnation by many Latin American countries of his support of Britain in the Falklands War with Argentina.

To discuss trade and economic cooperation, with emphasis on his Caribbean basin plan of economic aid and trade concessions to Caribbean and Central American countries.

Hoover failed to warn on spy

EAST LANSING, Michigan Dec. 6 (AFP) — Former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover knew that a German spy had been sent to gather intelligence on Pearl Harbor three months before the Japanese attack but did not fully alert the White House, two historians here have charged.

The spy, Dushko Popov, at the time a dou-

ble agent working for Britain, was sent to reconnoiter the naval base in the Hawaiian Islands just months before Japanese warplanes destroyed the bulk of the U.S. fleet there, the two historians from Michigan State University wrote.

In an article appearing in this month's issue of the *American Historical Review*, Leslie Rount and John Bratzel of university's department of American affairs said the former FBI director sent President Franklin Roosevelt a note in September 1941 informing him that an agent was sent to gather intelligence on the production of planes and pilot training at Pearl Harbor.

However, the historians charged, he failed to mention that the agent also sought precise information on the base's defense as well as on tides and currents in the harbor.

The Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941, destroyed 18 ships, 170 planes, and claimed nearly 4,000 lives, precipitating the United States into World War II. The historians said Popov informed Britain of the results of his mission before communicating them to Germany.

China to have 3,000 deputies

PEKING, Dec. 6 (R) — China's parliament is to reduce slightly next year to 3,000 deputies — one for every 1.04 million peasants, one for every 130,000 urban dwellers and a minimum of 15 for each province or region — its chief secretary said Monday.

Yang Shangkun told the 3,155 deputies of this year's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), at its last session that some delegates had called for an even greater cut in the number of representatives for next year. But China was so big that if there were too few deputies they would not be able to represent such a vast and varied population effectively, Yang said. Fresh elections for a new NPC scheduled to meet by June 1983 would be held under the Chinese system known as democratic centralism between now and next April.

Although in theory not a one-party parliament, the NPC always toes the Communist Party line and its deputies must normally have party approval, so the elections will not have much political impact. Under democratic centralism citizens may vote but the authorities must first approve the list of candidates, which is sometimes only as long as the number of seats to be filled.

For the present parliament, elected in 1978 under the now-disgraced ex-Chairman Hua Guofeng, 3,500 deputies were originally chosen and their five-year term of office is due to expire in February. More than 300 of them, however, either died or were dropped for political reasons.

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The ugly faces of U.S.

By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK (R) — Seymour Hersh, often called America's most determined investigative reporter, has finished a long-awaited book on Henry Kissinger which he says will shed new light on U.S. conduct of the Vietnam War.

Although only two excerpts of the 400,000-word *The Path to Power Kissinger in The Nixon White House* have been published, the book has generated much advance publicity. Both Dr. Kissinger and Richard Nixon have refused to comment on details revealed so far.

These include alleged Nixon orders to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Dr. Kissinger to "get rid" of Chile's Marxist President Salvador Allende, three years before he died in a military coup.

Hersh, in an interview, said the book, to be published in late spring, will throw new light on Nixon's conduct of the Vietnam War, the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) talks with the Soviet Union, and the U.S. role in the Indo-Pakistani war, Chile, and the Middle East.

Hersh said his book would explain why the Christmas bombing of North Vietnam in 1972 was not accurate — why civilian targets including hospitals and apartment blocks were hit in what was billed as an operation against military targets.

To research the Vietnam section of his book, Hersh went to Hanoi, where top North Vietnamese officials granted him extensive interviews and showed him the texts of U.S. cables sent to them during the Paris peace talks. "I saw how Kissinger had not used all the cables, and, in fact, how he deleted some important passages in his memoirs, which are self-serving and duplicitous," he said.

He added that the North Vietnamese officials, including Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, a participant at the Paris talks, assert that the United States could have ended the war sooner and on better terms. "They also said they were badly hurt by the (1968) Tet offensive and could not negotiate quicker because they had to regroup," he said. Hersh also had access to the private papers of the then South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Hersh first won fame and a Pulitzer Prize

in 1970 for uncovering the massacre by U.S. troops of villagers at My Lai, Vietnam. He later joined *The New York Times*, where for seven years he was its chief investigative reporter on Watergate and on CIA stories. He left the *Times* four years ago after receiving a \$200,000 advance to write his Kissinger book.

Several chapters in his book concern the Nixon administration's negotiations with the Soviet Union on a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. He maintains that the United States paid a high price for the treaty, which he called a "grain for salt" pact.

So far, Hersh has only released two articles in the *Atlantic* monthly magazine based on his findings. In an article published last April, he provided new detail on how Dr. Kissinger and his then assistant on the National Security Council, Gen. Alexander Haig, participated in a two-year effort to conceal the secret wire-tapping of reporters and officials. He also quoted high-ranking officials as saying Nixon was often drunk and incoherent in times of crisis.

In an *Atlantic* article this month, Hersh said that in a Sept. 15, 1970, meeting at the White House, Nixon ordered the then CIA director, Richard Helms, to "get rid" of Chile's newly elected president, Allende.

At the meeting which Dr. Kissinger attended, Nixon gave Helms what Hersh called "in essence, a blank cheque to move against Allende without informing anyone." According to Hersh the CIA despatched four undercover agents to Chile and gave money to people plotting against the Chilean chief of staff, Rene Schneider who was later murdered. But there was no known evidence of U.S. involvement in the military coup in which Allende died three years later, Hersh adds.

Dr. Kissinger has refused to speak with him or to comment on the book. But Hersh said he has conducted hundreds of other interviews with officials around the world. Although Dr. Kissinger has not been helpful, he has been curious. A lawyer for him has obtained a list of government files Hersh received under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act.

The lawyer said that "it was a matter of urgent public importance that Dr. Kissinger receives access to this information." "Can you imagine that?" Hersh asks.

Turkey plans Cyprus university

By Kenneth Mackenzie

ANKARA (LOS) — The military regime in Ankara is making plans to set up a Kemalist university in northern Cyprus, which is still occupied by Turkish troops after the 1974 intervention.

A top-level team of experts, headed by Professor Turhan Feyzioglu who is the legal adviser to the Turkish Cypriot administration in its negotiations with the Greeks; has been discussing the project in detail with Turkish Cypriot leaders.

If the plan comes to fruition, there could be far-reaching political and cultural consequences. It could deliver the coup de grace to any lingering hopes that Cyprus might one day acquire its own sense of nationhood. The new university, despite its modest scope, would be a symbol of Turkish Cypriot youth from any Greek cultural influence.

During the 82 years of British colonial rule in Cyprus, no university was set up. Greek

Cypriot students went mainly to Athens or to Britain to pursue their studies, while the Turks went mainly to Ankara or Istanbul — a few also going to Britain or the United States. This pattern continues today.

Geneva exhibition

GENEVA — Nearly 1,000 inventions by more than 500 researchers, leading companies, laboratories and governmental or private organizations from some 20 countries were on display at the 11th International Exhibition of Inventions and New Techniques which concluded here Sunday. The majority of the exhibits related to energy saving, protection of the environment, safety, health, everyday life and leisure activity.

As in the past, France, Italy, Belgium, West Germany and Switzerland were numerically the best represented in the exhibition held under the patronage of the Swiss government. Japan, South Korea and Taiwan also participated.

Chicago scientists assess nuclear legacy

By Lee Dembart

CHICAGO (LAT) — The 44 scientists who gathered at the University of Chicago were so intent on their experiment that they did not stop to realize that they were making history. "Nobody was excited. Nobody jumped up and down," recalled Crawford H. Greenwalt, who was present on that day 40 years ago. No one thought to bring a camera, so there is no picture of Enrico Fermi and his colleagues creating the world's first man-made, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

In a converted squash court under the grandstand on that bitterly cold day, Dec. 2, 1942, the Atomic Age was born and the world was changed forever. It was an event in the history of civilization that rivals the discovery of fire, and it opened a Pandora's box that still cannot be closed. The splitting of the atom has become the starkest demonstration yet that the consequences of science can be evil as well as good.

Nineteen of those who participated in the creation of that first chain reaction gathered last week in Chicago, along with several hundred other nuclear scientists, to assess the effect of nuclear fission on them, on science and on the world. "It changed our lives," said Hans Bethe, a Nobel laureate in physics, who was at the Los Alamos laboratory in New Mexico when the Chicago group demonstrated that a chain reaction would work and that an atomic bomb could be built.

"We didn't think it was the beginning," said Eugene Wigner, another Nobel laureate in physics, who was present and observed the first chain reaction. "We were very happy that it happened, but we had calculated everything and we were convinced that it would work out."

Just three years before, scientists in Europe had discovered that atomic fission was possible. A heavy uranium atom could be bombarded with neutrons and split into two lighter atoms, emitting more neutrons and a vast amount of energy in the process.

What the Chicago group did was to demonstrate that, if enough radioactive uranium was assembled in just the right way, the emitted neutrons would split other uranium atoms, which would release still more neutrons and more energy, according to Einstein's equation, $E = mc^2$.

"Fermi walked around with a six-inch slide rule, making calculations on the back, and saying, 'pull the rods out another foot,'" Greenwalt said.

Meanwhile, Geiger counters measured the radiation that the reactor was putting out. As the control rod, which absorbs neutrons, was withdrawn, the clicks from the instruments became more rapid. But each time the clicking leveled off.

At 11:35 in the morning, when the Geiger counters were clicking rapidly, the reaction suddenly stopped. The response level of an automatic safety rod had been set too low, and it had slammed into the reactor, killing the reaction. "I'm hungry," Fermi said. "Let's go to lunch."

At 2 p.m. the scientists were back. Fermi told George Weil, who was handling the control rod, to move it up. At 2:50, Fermi ordered that it be withdrawn another foot. At 3:20, he asked for six more inches and then resumed calculating.

After five minutes, Fermi told Weil, "pull it out another foot," and he said to Arthur Compton, "this is going to do it. Now it will become self-sustaining. The trace will climb and continue to climb. It will not level off." And it did.

This is the chain reaction that makes possible nuclear weapons and nuclear power and a host of scientific and medical applications that have benefited humanity. "In the realm

of biology and medicine, the fallout from the Fermi chain reaction has been pure, unadulterated joy," said Dr. Henry S. Kaplan of the Stanford University Medical Center.

In other realms, the effects have been less salutary. Atomic weapons, the goal of the Manhattan project and of the Chicago chain reaction, have become the subject of world-

wide debate and have led to demonstrations and counterdemonstrations over a nuclear freeze in the United States and Western Europe.

Commercial nuclear power, once heralded for its peaceful use of the atom, faces an economic and political future in the United States that can best be described as uncertain.

It has never been able to free itself from the image of the mushroom cloud, and its advocates have never been able to convince large numbers of people that it is safe or that its waste products can be disposed of safely.

Atomic fission has been a mixed blessing. "For better or worse, the nuclear age began here 40 years ago, and the world has never been the same since," said Marvin L. Goldberger, president of the California Institute of Technology, who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1948.

After the first chain reaction, the Manhattan project scientists at Chicago as well as those at Los Alamos and Oak Ridge, Tenn., thought long and hard about what they were doing. "There was less pressure here, and more time to think and talk," said Alice Kimball Smith, a historian of science who is dean emerita of Radcliffe College.

There was also Leo Szilard, one of the project's senior scientists who, like Fermi and Compton, is now dead. He agitated extensively for the atomic scientists to be heard in Washington while decisions were being made about the use of the bomb.

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Their view was rejected. It was believed that the bomb was unreliable and, if a demonstration failed, the interests of peace would not be served. Nor were the atomic scientists able to convince the world after the war was over to place control of nuclear weapons in the hands of an international agency.

But they did create the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, which is still published in Chicago and which is the most enduring legacy of their political concerns.

The question that hangs over all the atomic scientists and all those who were associated with them in whether they regret their participation, whether, given the choice, they would do it again.

Almost all of them here said this week they had no choice: there was a war, and there was fear that the Nazis would get the atomic bomb first. Furthermore, they say, if they had not discovered this law of nature, eventually someone else would have.

"My personal belief is that knowledge is always better than ignorance," said Robert Sachs, a professor of physics at the University of Chicago. "Knowing is what distinguishes us from the lower beasts."

Glenn Seaborg, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and former chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, said: "If the chain reaction hadn't been observed on Dec. 2 in the United States, it would have been observed somewhere else within a matter of weeks."

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For common childhood diseases

Simple device ensures safety of vaccine

By Bob Stanley

OTTAWA (Depthnews) — The little red sticker first turns into brown, and then black when it gets hot. It is an elegantly simple solution to a problem that has been limiting the success of mass immunization programs in the tropics. It is also an unusual example of collaboration between public and private enterprise in several countries which has led to the development of a simple device that could save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in the developing world.

Vaccines against common childhood diseases are extremely sensitive to heat: the higher the temperature, the shorter their effective life. A vial of measles vaccine, for example, is good for 54 days at a temperature of 25 degrees Celsius. At 37 degrees Celsius its life is reduced to 12 days at most. But there is no visible sign of deterioration, no way in which the health worker administering the vaccine can detect the fact that it has expired. Polio vaccines deteriorate in a similar fashion.

This characteristic presents no real problem in an industrialized country, where refrigeration is readily available, and vaccines become part of a "cold chain" process from manufacture to vaccination. But in rural areas of developing countries the cold chain quickly breaks down when the health worker must travel from village to village, often spending days at a time away from the clinic or health center.

The World Health Organization's expanded program for immunization states bluntly: "The biggest stumbling blocks to successful immunization programs are not medical or technical, but the practical difficulties arising from field operations... keeping vaccines safe and effective from manufacture to child."

No one knows for sure just how many children receive useless measles vaccinations each year, but estimates vary between 10 million and 16 million. Given an estimated mortality rate from measles in the tropics of 10 percent, and assuming that 30 percent of unprotected children contract the disease, that means at least 300,000 potential child deaths annually. That is the most conservative figure, says Dr. Patrick Tam, program officer for the program for appropriate technology in health (PATH).

Dr. Tam, a bio-engineer, is responsible for coordinating the development of the little red sticker that promises to solve this problem. The sticker's active ingredient is a chemical called 2,4-hexadiene-1,6 (p-toluenesulfonate), more conveniently known as PTS. Exposure to heat causes PTS to polymerize — a shifting of molecules that results in its changing color. The higher the temperature, the more rapid the change.

The sticker is called a time-temperature indicator. It was devised initially by the Allied Corporation in the U.S. But Allied estimated it would cost them from \$4 million to \$5 million to develop the indicator for mass production, and that they would be unable to recover their investment. So Allied approached WHO with their invention — and that was when PATH heard about it.

The small, Seattle-based non-profit agency has very little cash, but it has a good reputation, and excellent contacts. In short order, Dr. Tam developed a proposal for a one-year feasibility study of Allied's prototype indicator, and obtained 95 percent of the funding needed from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, of New York, and Canada's International Development Research Center (IDRC). The total cost of this study was just \$168,900.

One of the first questions to be resolved was product safety, both for health workers in the field and for those involved in the production process. Toxicology studies showed possible harmful effects from contact with PTS. To overcome this problem, a clear plastic coating was developed to prevent direct contact with the chemical, and production workers were instructed to wear protective gloves and masks.

With safety assured, the PATH researchers began detailed testing. They found that the indicators could be manufactured to closely parallel the rate of degradation of measles vaccines obtained from major manufacturers, and that they could be manufactured to match the WHO recommended standard of seven days maximum exposure at 37 degrees Celsius.

Working closely with the staff of WHO, the researchers used this same technology to develop a "management indicator." This is a label for use on large batches of vaccine. It incorporates four PTS dots that change color in sequence according to the extent of exposure the carton containing the vaccine vials has undergone.

Thus managers can see at a glance which batches must be used first, or have already expired. The label also has space for a complete shipping history of each carton.

The single-vial indicators are attached to the tops of vials so that health workers cannot fail to notice if the red color has changed to brownish-black. Successful preliminary field tests were carried out in Mexico, Philippines and Indonesia. Connaught Laboratories, of Toronto, who are collaborating with PATH on the adaptation of the indicator for use with polio vaccines, carried out additional field tests in Pakistan at their own expense. More tests are also being conducted in the People's Republic of China after Peking requested a batch of the prototype indicators for testing with their locally manufactured vaccines.

The second phase of the project, now nearing completion, cost a further \$268,000, provided by the two original donors plus Oxfam of the United Kingdom, and also involves another Canadian vaccine manufacturer, the Institut Armand Frappier. More extensive field testing is being carried out in 11 countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America in this phase with additional funding from WHO/EPI.

The tests involve evaluation by health workers and others of the design of the indicators and the instructional materials that have been prepared for use with them. The exercise will also help to introduce the concept of visual indicators into many ministries of health. PATH is collaborating closely at this stage with WHO/EPI and other major agencies, such as UNICEF, to ensure successful introduction of the indicators as soon as they become available.

The technical problems to be overcome in order to bring the indicators to mass production are considerable, but not insurmountable, according to Dr. Tam. And mass production is essential, he says, to keep the eventual cost of the indicators as low as possible.

The PTS compound is to be formulated into an ink suitable for printing presses, and there is machinery to be developed for mass application of the indicators on individual vials and on shipping cartons. There are manuals to be prepared as a first step to the transfer of the technology. And finally there is an agreement on royalties to be finalized with ACC, who still hold the patent on the invention until the early 1990s.

By Peter J. Steincrohn

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like chemotherapy, radiation and hereditary tendency. But suppose after complete study, the decision is that you'd better wear a hearing aid. My suggestion is "don't fight it." Unlike the man who gropes because he is too stubborn to wear glasses, it makes better sense to wear a hearing aid instead of "straining" to hear — whether the remarks are stupid or not.

MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. W.: Ugh! Not a pleasant subject, but bedbug involvement needs to be discussed, especially since they have recently been incriminated in the transmission of hepatitis B (according to Eduardo H. Tschien, M.D. of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine). Eggs are deposited in floors, walls, furniture and crevices. These hatch after ten days. The bugs emerge only in darkness and may travel long distances in search of a meal. Bugs in the upholstery of public vehicles may feed on passengers. The bugs feed for about five minutes, then drop off. Most patients aren't aware of being bitten. A search for the bugs in mattresses, crevices becomes essential. A professional exterminator should eliminate the sources. Most people will agree with you in saying "Ugh!" Mrs. W.

(Tomorrow: The lazy husband syndrome)

HEARING LOSS, HEARING AIDS

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Not all the young are stupid, but they certainly can say stupid things. For example, when I was in my forties I used to say, "I think deaf people should be thankful they don't have to hear the stupid conversation that hangs our ear drums day after day." But, now that I'm in my seventies, how I wish I could hear without straining. Oh, if I could only hear all the "stupid" conversation, I'd be so thankful. Now my concern is getting a hearing aid. We're never satisfied, are we? — Mrs. T.

Dear Mrs. T.: No, we're not. It takes a philosophical bent to be thankful for what we have — when we have it, before it is lost. That's true for hearing, eyesight and any other of the gifts we take for granted.

Rather than suffer hearing loss, Mrs. T., I hope you've consulted an ear specialist to get to the bottom of the problem. Here are some common causes of hearing impairment in older patients. One often overlooked is cerumen (wax) in the ear canals. Removal brings immediate relief. Perforation of the eardrum may be a factor. So is otosclerosis and middle ear disease following the flu or hay fever. One of the most common is presbycusis (aging defect). Noise damage may contribute to hearing loss, so may taking drugs like the salicylates. In some patients, taking 8-10 aspirin tablets daily diminishes hearing acuity. There may be many other reasons for loss of hearing.

U.S. schools spurned artificial heart inventor

By Fern Shen

WASHINGTON (WP) — The doctor who designed the artificial heart implanted Thursday in the chest of a retired Washington dentist was rejected three times by every medical school he applied to.

He was once told by a teacher whose course he was failing to switch to dentistry, his wife recalls. Robert K. Jarvik, 36, who grew up in Stamford, Connecticut, eventually was accepted by the University of Utah in Salt Lake City in 1972, but it cost him thousands of dollars in application fees and four dismal, lean years, his wife remembers.

"Now that this has happened, it's pretty ironic. We think it's pretty funny," said Elaine Jarvik. "But at the time, I'll admit we were pretty bitter."

Robert Jarvik, who graduated from Syracuse University, entered the fierce battle for a place in med school with none of the crucial weapons — excellent grades, a classy academic degree. "He has qualities very difficult to measure," Elaine Jarvik said. "He's creative and that's something they can't determine with a test."

Each successive rejection was more demoralizing than the last, Jarvik said, but she and her husband dug in their heels and hung on. "We were very stubborn," she said. "It got to the point where he just wanted to prove he could do it." Part of his determination can be traced to his father, a Stamford doctor who died in 1976 of heart disease at age 62.

But Robert Jarvik's medical interests always leaned more toward novel biomedical inventions than toward academic perseverance, his wife said. At 16, his father brought him to an operating room where he watched a nurse struggle with a suture. The problem stuck with him and eventually he patented a gun-like device he called the Jarvik Suture Machine, an automatic ligature applier that staples off blood vessels.

"He made a little velvet-lined box for it and brought it around to med school interviews," said Elaine, a free-lance writer, "but obviously it didn't impress them."

After American schools rejected him, Robert applied and was accepted at the University of Bologna, Italy, but the couple didn't stay there long. "That was 1968 and there were student strikes in Italy, as there were around the world," Elaine recalled. "Classes were canceled half the time and it took a lot of self-discipline."

Taking the inventor's approach to the problem, Robert designed and built a special chair for studying that clamped down over his legs and made it difficult to escape the endless hours of study, his wife said. But instead of using his self-imposed captivity for study, he used it to work on the suture device. "He can't help it," Elaine said. "His mind wanders."

In Italy, the Jarviks lived in the classic style of the poor, hungry student. Their apartment in a dark, 200-year-old building was barely furnished "and going out for a candy bar on a Friday night was a big treat," Elaine recalled.

They wrote a letter describing their situation to then-President Nixon, who was coming to Europe on an official visit. "We told him we were poor, starving American students and we sure would like some peanut butter — chunky, creamy, we weren't choosy," she said. A bottle of Jiffy was sent to the couple.

The medical student gave up Italy and returned to the United States, settling in Stamford, where his wife worked as a reporter at the Stamford Advocate. He worked as a biomedical researcher at Columbia University and was rejected again by medical schools.

"I found something recently that epitomized how depressing those times were," Elaine said. "It was a chart we made up with the names of all the schools he applied to and little check marks next to them for each rejection letter that came in."

Now that Robert was completed schools and gained recognition with his invention, his wife says she can sympathize with the medical school admissions office's problems. "It must be hard to judge un-testable abilities. They've got to have some standards," she said.

Americans consume less energy

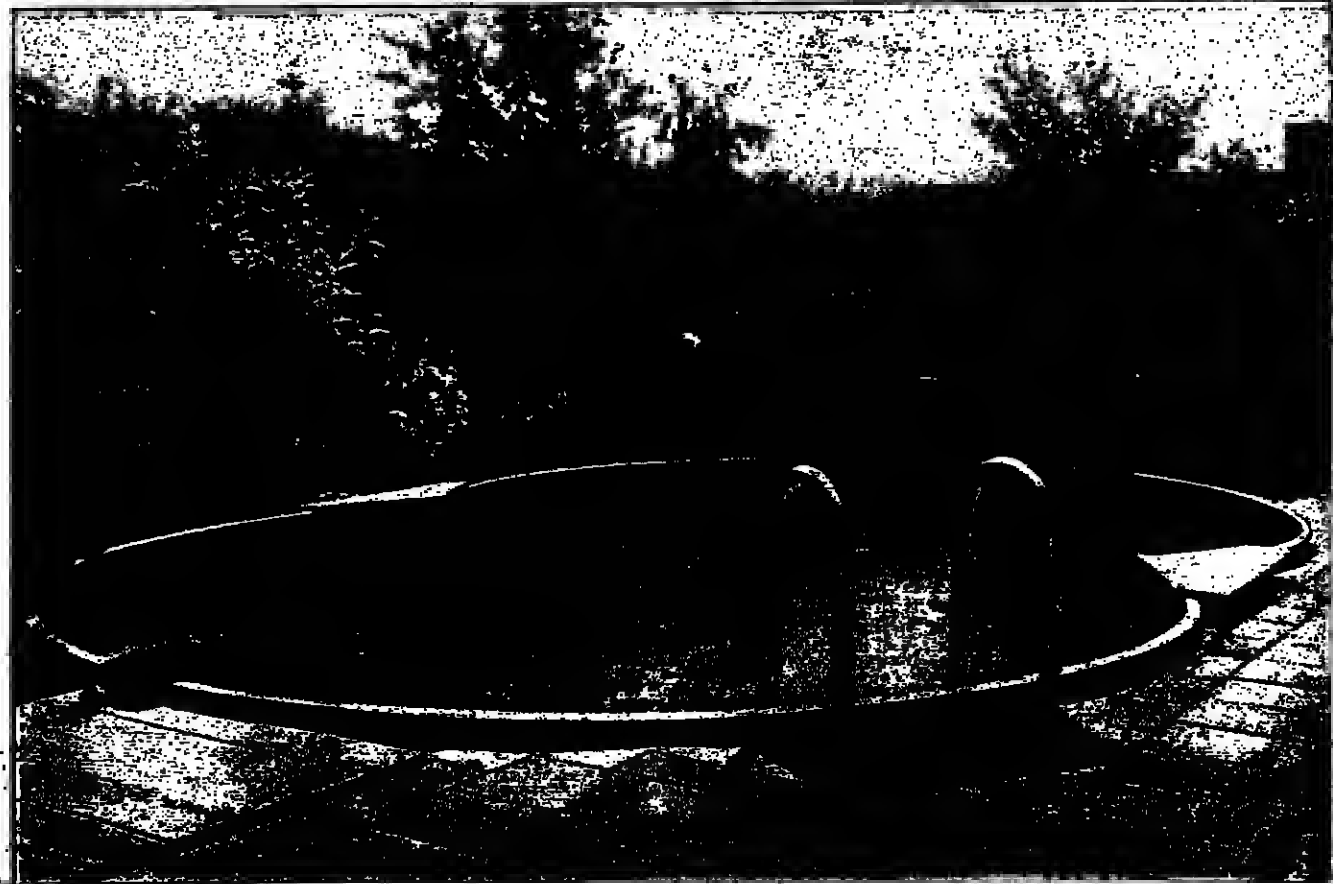
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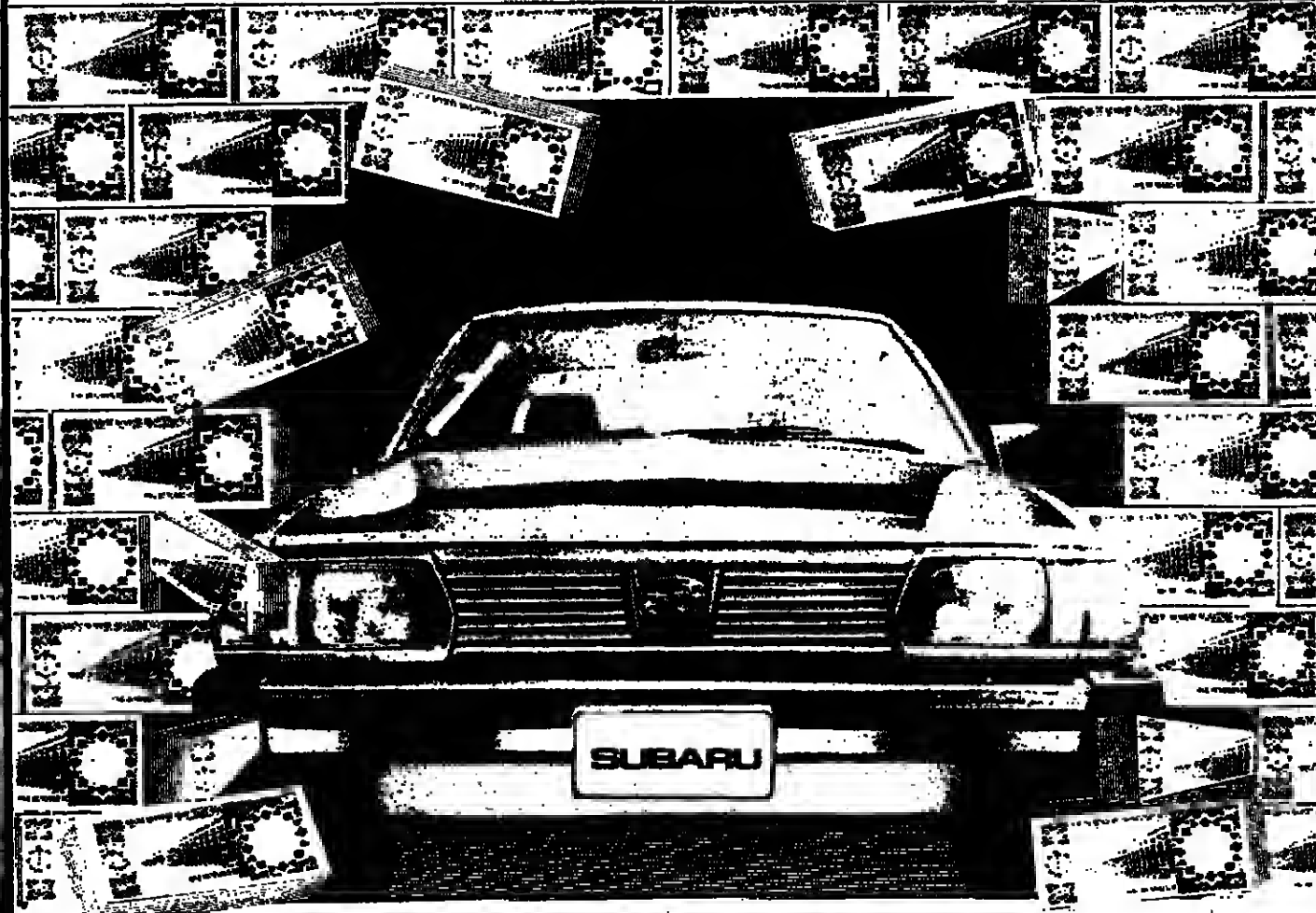
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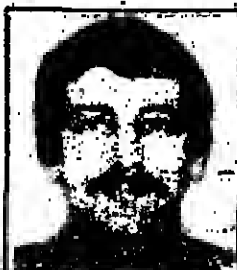
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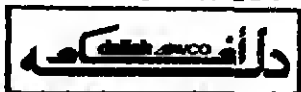


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